

NEWS ROUNDUP

Tebbit stands by views on Prince

Mr Norman Tebbit was at the centre of a political scrap yesterday over his apparent criticism of the Prince of Wales in the BBC Panorama programme, Charles: Prince of Conscience to be broadcast tonight.

Prisoner dies in cell

An inquiry was launched yesterday after a man of 25 facing a charge of attempting to rape a widow of 84, was found dead in his police cell at Nottingham.

Cost of trust housing

The potential cost of the Housing Action Trusts by which the Government hopes to revive run down council estates could be huge, ministers have been told after receiving a report showing that it cost at least £15,000 per dwelling to rescue one such estate.

Murder quiz release

A girl aged 14 who had been questioned by the police about the murder of Carol Baldwin, aged 13, was released on police bail yesterday. Another girl aged 12 who has been accused of murdering Carol, of South Holme Court, Thorplands, Northampton, a fortnight ago was yesterday remanded in care until Wednesday when she will appear before a juvenile panel at Northampton.

Wine lake 'waste'

Millions of pounds of taxpayers' money is being wasted in an attempt to transform Europe's wine surpluses into pure alcohol, a Conservative MEP said yesterday.

Whitehall election

The annual elections for the executive of the Civil and Public Services Association start tomorrow in what promises to be a bitter campaign for control of the biggest of the Whitehall unions.

Benefit reforms 'may lead to increase in crime'

By David Sapsted and Peter Evans

The introduction today of far-reaching changes to the state benefits system has prompted a barrage of last-minute criticism, including a warning that the new system could lead to an increase in crime.

Nearly 200,000 children from low income families will today lose their entitlement to free school meals and get nothing in their place, according to a Labour Party survey published yesterday (John Clare writes).

benefit being paid, including a £60 million reduction in income support, and that one in three recipients of the new family credit will either not gain or be worse off in real terms.

Rich urged to fund medical research

By Sheila Gann, Political Staff

The wealthy are being urged to arrest a decline in medical research because of public spending cuts.

Pledge for Dalai Lama



By Andrew Moger

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Car sales boost for Jaguar

The Jaguar car company, which disclosed record sales figures yesterday, will tell shop stewards representing more than 4,000 workers today whether it is going to insist on increased output, in spite of a strike threat.

P&O digs in for a year-long dispute

The P & O European ferry company is determined to hold out for at least a year in order to impose on the striking seamen at Dover the managing and operational changes it considers necessary to secure the economic survival of its cross-Channel operations.

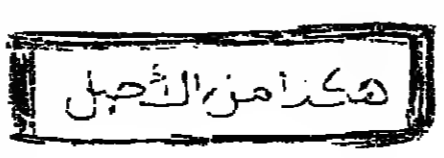
Kinnock calls on Benn to abandon 'futile' bid

Mr Neil Kinnock yesterday urged Mr Tony Benn to give up his "futile" left-wing challenge for the party leadership.

Favourite for Press Council

Lord McGregor of Durris, who chaired the Royal Commission on the Press between 1975 and 1977, is emerging as favourite to become the new chairman of the Press Council.

English threat safety British plan miss' ov Parents f Radio 3 may play pop music Wordy



Engineers shortage threatens airliner safety maintenance

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

A shortage of at least 600 aircraft engineers is threatening the safe maintenance of hundreds of British jets.

The shortage is so serious that worried aviation chiefs fear that many charter jets may not be able to undergo their major overhaul at the end of the coming summer season.

Now the Air Transport Industry Training Association has asked all airlines for details of their engineering shortfall before drafting an urgent demand for government help to produce more young engineers and technicians.

Mr Jim Rainbow, engineering director of Monarch Airlines and chairman of the association's engineering committee, said yesterday: "I am extremely concerned that many smaller companies who have recently leased new aircraft will simply not be able to get them maintained at the end of the summer season because there will not be enough engineers to do the work."

"Our company is having to turn down work from foreign airlines because we just do not have enough people to fill all the shifts. It is a very serious situation and we hope to collect precise details so that we can make representations to the Government about what should be done."

He blames schools and colleges for failing to produce enough qualified engineers and for failing to liaise with industry.

"First we need to recognize that an engineer or a technician is important and has a status. We are concentrating on getting young unqualified school leavers a job through the YTS scheme but ignoring the enormous importance of technically skilled youngsters who should be joining the aviation industry."

A top class technician working for an airline can expect to earn between £18,000 and £25,000 a year — the same as a pilot with a moderately sized airline.

British Airways is having to

recruit heavily and is planning to attract at least 250 new trainee engineers a year to fill its ever expanding needs. "We hope that by recruiting apprentices we will not face a shortage ourselves although we recognize that there is an overall shortage," a spokesman said.

Hardest hit are the small air taxi operators and commuter airlines who cannot match the high pay now being offered by the major carriers to attract sufficient numbers of technical workers. Until recently they were able to fill the gaps by recruiting "freelance" engineers who hired themselves out to the highest bidder throughout Europe. But even these are now drying up.

"It seems that working with aircraft is no longer as glamorous as it was", Mr Jim Boden of ATITA said. "We have been warning of this for at least three years and now it has become even more serious. Engineering diploma courses seem to be very under-subscribed while those concentrating on the arts are filled and the best youngsters all want to become yuppies."

Captain Michael Ambrose, director general of the European Regional Airlines Organization, said: "The problem is serious throughout Europe and affects especially small commuter and regional airlines."

"It has largely been caused by the large carriers cutting back over the years on their apprentice training schemes which has affected the pool of engineers available to all of us."

"We are going to have undeniable problems in expanding our operations in the future because we will be inhibited by a shortage of qualified technicians and engineers."

British planes in mass 'air miss' over France

By David Sapsted

An investigation begins today into a report that eight airliners, several British, were involved in a multiple air miss over Abbeville in France.

Mr Mike Wallis, chairman of the British Airline Pilots' Association, said he would be asking for a report on the incident from the association's technical staff today.

One pilot involved sent an anonymous report to the RAF's Confidential Human Factors Incident Reporting Programme. It claimed that an inexperienced air traffic controller at Abbeville, on the

edge of British air space, had been "overwhelmed" by the number of aircraft on a holding pattern for Gatwick.

As a result, he instructed several planes to break their holding pattern and, simultaneously, to begin their descent to Gatwick. That caused two of the planes to cross the paths of other aircraft.

Mr Leo Marriott, secretary of the International Federation of Air Traffic Control, said yesterday that the group could not take any action because the French were not members of the federation.

Parents fight 'abuse' cases

By Peter Davenport

Parents whose children were taken from their homes after a diagnosis of sexual abuse was made using the medical technique applied in Cleveland demanded yesterday that the cases be re-opened.

They insisted they were innocent of any offence against their children and that their situation had been overshadowed by the judicial inquiry in Cleveland.

The parents live in the Leeds area and have formed an action group to campaign for the return of their children.

They said yesterday that of 75 boys and girls, aged between a few days and 16 years, who have been taken into care after the allegations, only six had returned home.

Many of the cases involve the paediatricians, Dr Jane Wynne, of Leeds General Infirmary, and Dr Chris-

topher Hobbs, of St James's Hospital, Leeds.

The two doctors pioneered the method of reflex anal dilatation in the diagnosis of child sexual abuse.

In 1982 there were seven cases of abuse, rising to 79 in 1985, soon after Dr Hobbs and Dr Wynne started their work. Mr Derek James, Leeds director of Social Services, said the numbers for this year were expected to be about 290.

Champion to the manor borne



Rhyme 'N' Reason, with Miss Vicki Charlton, his stable girl, receiving a hero's welcome yesterday as he arrived at his stables at Whitsbury Manor, Whitsbury, Hampshire, after winning the Seagram Grand National at Aintree on Saturday. A pulled muscle, suffered when he nearly fell at Becher's Brook, prevented the champion from being paraded through the streets. (Photograph: Bryn Collon).

Genetic beans could help to close trade gap

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

The widening trade gap could be narrowed by a proposal to grow coffee beans and the variety of bean used in baked beans, two of the biggest imported commodities, in Britain.

The proposal comes after rapid advances in genetic engineering intended to alter the physiology of plants so that they will grow in different environments.

Scientific advisers to the Ministry of Agriculture and the Department of the Environment are optimistic about the long-term prospects of adapting plants, including Mediterranean fruits such as the orange, by genetic manipulation to cope with the British climate.

However, experiments to make

plants more resistant to pests or to be more productive in their normal habitat have disclosed complications when introducing "foreign" gene characteristics.

In working with plants, genetic engineers want to keep all the desirable properties of the original variety as well as giving it new traits. In practice, they find they often lose some of the original characteristics.

More importantly, genetic engineers will not be able to recall new micro-organisms once they have been introduced into the environment.

The implications of allowing an increase in the limited number of experimental releases will be examined later this week by technical advisers to the Organization for

Economic Co-operation and Development in Paris.

The 24 member countries of the OECD include most laboratories working in this field of genetic research. Most are sympathetic to OECD recommendations for a set of international rules governing the safe release of genetically-engineered life forms.

The rules would cover newly-created live vaccines, microbes to be used in industry for food processing and waste treatment and biological forms of pesticides as well as new strains of plants. The OECD advisers hope for agreement on assessing the risks of any proposed release.

Most of the big industrial countries have formed national advisory bodies

to prepare guidelines for assessing the risks.

The OECD approach is in line with the initial response to safety adopted in the United Kingdom, the United States, Australia, The Netherlands and Japan.

However, some countries want tighter regulations. In Denmark, a new law prohibits the planned release of genetically engineered organisms, although there is provision for special cases.

In West Germany, the parliament will consider later this year a report from a special commission recommending a five-year moratorium on any release.

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Insurers put aside £1bn to cover Aids claims

By Robert Matthews and David Sapsted

Insurance companies have set aside reserves of at least £1 billion to cover claims from Aids victims over the next decade, it was disclosed yesterday.

However, one of the country's biggest insurance companies said the figure could prove "woefully inadequate" if the disease spread to the heterosexual community.

Young single men face significant increases in premiums and more searching questions about their sexual behaviour when they take out policies this year, but the companies do not believe the disease will result in big rises for other policy-holders.

The putting aside of £1 billion by the insurers comes in the wake of a report from the Institute of Actuaries saying the death toll from Aids could reach 100,000 by 1998.

Mr Peter Clark, deputy actuary at the Prudential and a member of the working party which produced the report, said: "This figure is based solely on our estimate of what is likely to happen as long as Aids remains confined to the homosexual community. If it moves into the heterosexual community, then all bets are off."

"Existing reserves would prove to be woefully inadequate. The life assurance

business would be in deep trouble."

Last month, the Prudential increased its Aids reserve from £50 million to £150 million.

Mr Peter Baisrow, assistant managing director and chief actuary of Sun Life, said that it had put aside £30 million last year to cope with Aids victims.

successful in helping those with the virus to avoid developing the full-blown disease, an Aids researcher said yesterday.

Dr Matthews Helbert, a research fellow at St Mary's Hospital, west London, said that a year-long investigation into the use of AZT, which has been developed by the Wellcome pharmaceutical company, proved its ability to prolong the life of Aids patients.

Radio 3 may play pop music

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

Radio 1 and Radio 3 could soon link up for a late-night rock and pop music show.

Mr John Drummond, Radio 3's new controller, wants to attract younger listeners and Simon Bates, a Radio 1 disc jockey, is being tipped to present a new programme between midnight and 2am, when Radio 3 is now off the air.

The BBC said Mr Drummond was "looking into the possibility of extending the hours of the network and in doing so would not be ignoring the popular music of today's young people."

Mr Drummond received hundreds of complaints after carrying out modest changes to Radio 3 in January, including the moving of Choral Evensong and scrapping World Service news bulletins.

Radio 3 is mounting a special five-week Australian Season from next month.

About 30 special programmes will include Aboriginal music, singing by Joan Sutherland and a survey of Australian cinema.

There will be two operas — Richard Meale's *Voss* and Barry Conyngham's *Fly* — as well as documentaries on Australian writers.

Equity threat to TV films

By Andrew Billen

Equity, the actors' union, yesterday threatened to stop all new work on independently produced television programmes if its negotiations for an improved agreement on pay break down.

Equity is to resume talks with the British Film and Television Producers' Association on Wednesday with what it sees as a stronger hand after receiving 99 per cent backing for its refusal to compromise, from a postal ballot of its membership.

The ballot attracted a record turnout of almost a third of the union's 37,000 members, with 11,935 voting for a continuation of the system whereby actors are paid on the basis of repeat fees and overseas residuals for recorded work; 82 members voted against.

Equity fears that, as independents come to account for a quarter of television programming, members will be increasingly covered by the association's agreement in which those rights are bought out. The agreement ran out last month and the union wants to replace it with a stronger agreement similar to deals made with the ITV companies.

The dispute over the agreement led to the scrapping of *Betty*, a £4.5 million drama series starring Twiggy and Christopher Lee, which was to have been made for London

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother celebrates the eighty-fifth anniversary of the National Art-Collectors Fund today by opening an exhibition of 160 works it has helped to acquire for the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge.

Financial pressure has so reduced the museum's staff that on weekday mornings only the ground floor is open to the public; in the afternoons upstairs is opened.

Last year Cambridge University cut its purchase grant from £8,000 a year to £2,600.

Weekend Television by Eagerworth, an independent production company.

At the union's annual meeting at the National Theatre yesterday, members voted to black all similar projects if no agreement is reached.

Mr Peter Plouviez, general secretary of Equity, called the ballot result "a magnificent endorsement".

He said: "What your council has been given is a mandate no previous council has ever been able to claim in what is likely to be a harder fight than any previous council has had to undertake."

Mr Plouviez also said that he backed the Equity agreement under which Mr Martin Shaw has been able to prevent further screenings of *The Professionals* television series.

Under the agreement, ITV can screen series three times in

five years but must renegotiate with the actors individually for the right to screen programmes after that. Mr Shaw is understood to feel that his career has moved on since the first series was made.

The Education Reform Bill has been criticized by the Arts Council for what it claims is the narrowness of its interpretation of art in the proposed core curriculum.

Mr Luke Rittner, secretary general of the Arts Council, is pressing for a meeting with Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, to discuss the issue.

Mr John Cornwell, chairman of the council's education advisory committee, said at a meeting last week at which the council announced its own education programme: "Where is film? Where is video? We believe children must have access to all the arts in schools."

The council's programme is to include the launch of an arts magazine for schools, the establishment of a national resources and training centre, and a two-year research project into arts in prisons, costing £60,000.

It also announced the allocation of an additional £1.5 million from the Government for touring. The money will mean an additional two weeks for ballet tours and 24 weeks of touring by the National Theatre and the Royal Shakespeare Company.

Wordy police told to clear the fog

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

A campaign to persuade the London policeman to abandon police officialese and abstract jargon and use plain, simple language is being studied by Scotland Yard.

For 18 months a special research group, headed by deputy assistant commissioner Richard Wells, has been trying to find ways of freeing the force from thickets of verbiage.

A formula known as the Fog Index is being suggested, which would give officers guidelines for putting their ideas down with clarity. They would be exhorted to "keep it short. Keep it simple".

The problem faced by the research group goes far be-

yond the often-ridiculed circumlocutions of "I was proceeding in a westerly direction when...". The police in London have been gripped by a combination of Newmanspeak — the abstract management vocabulary linked to Sir Kenneth Newman's massive re-organization of the force — and the effects of working alongside the linguistic contortions of the law.

A recent writer in *The Job*, the Metropolitan's Police internal newspaper, complained that the force's police surgeons had been re-titled "forensic medicine examiners". Collators, who catalogue local police information, had become "local intelligence officers".

Nomenclature is not the only problem. One senior officer was bemused to receive a report which included a sentence eight and a half lines long.

The answer, drawn up by the research group and now being considered by the Yard's policy committee is a campaign using posters, leaflets and memorandum cards.

Police officers would be asked to test the readability of their writing using the Fog Index. At its simplest, the writer takes a passage of about 100 words and divides the words by the number of sentences. He then takes the number of words with three or more syllables and calculates

the percentage of these in the passage.

The two sets of figures together give the "readability figure". A Fog Index of 23, a high mark, would represent the impenetrability level of, for example, an economics textbook. A Fog Index of 17 would be the level of an article in *The New Statesman*, 12 to 13 would match an editorial in *The Daily Telegraph*, 10 would be equivalent to the readability of a piece in *Reader's Digest*, a Fog Index of eight would be the score of a passage in *True Love Romances*, and an FI of six is the level of a children's comic.

The police would be advised to aim for a score of 10 to 12.

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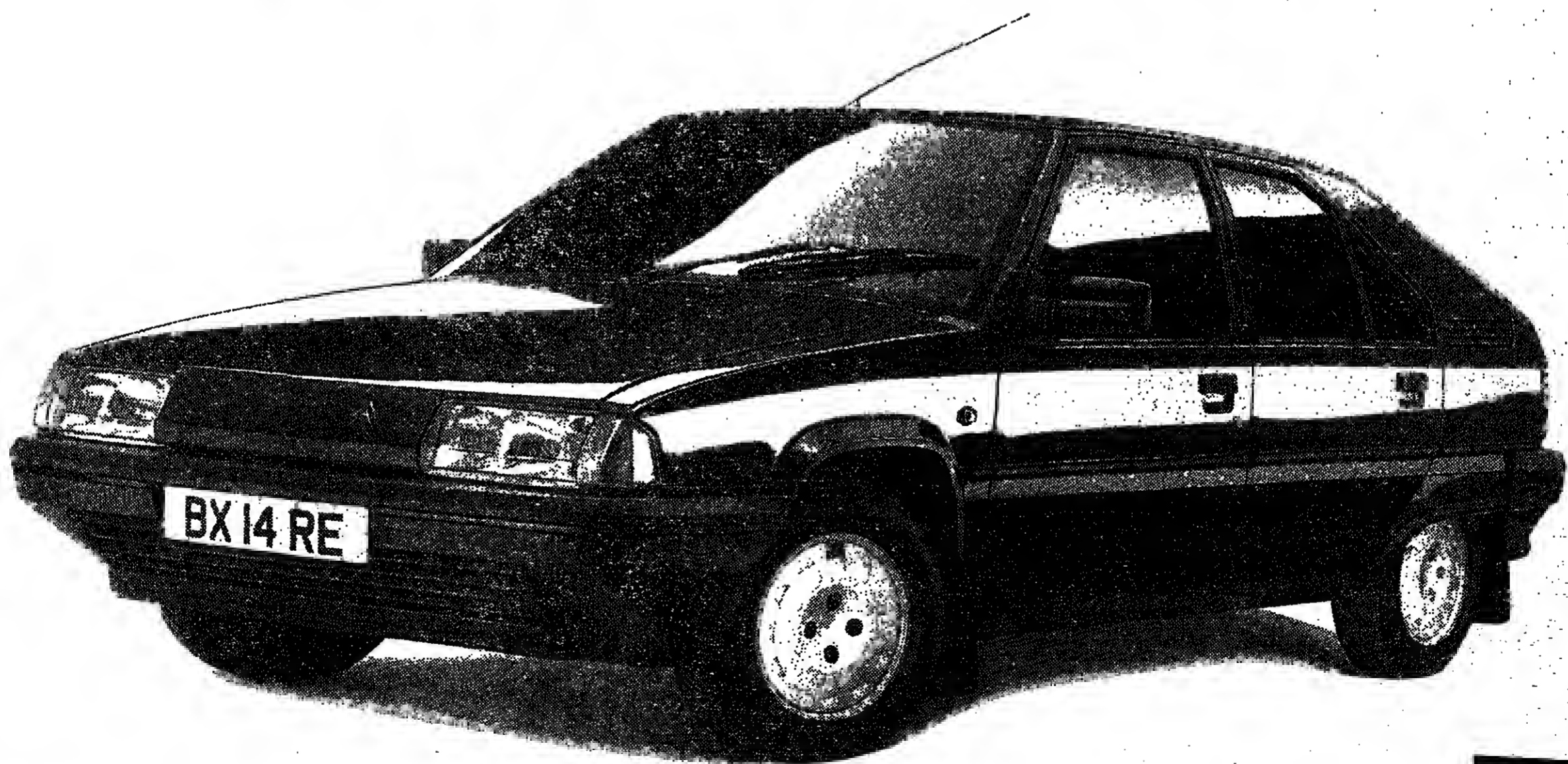
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President Li takes an advisory role

Peking (AP) - The outgoing President Li Xiannian was elected yesterday to the largely ceremonial post of chairman of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference...

Easter church boost

Moscow (Reuters) - Thousands of Muscovites flocked to Russian Orthodox Easter services yesterday in the latest sign of renewed religious practice under the Kremlin's drive for glasnost...

Police 'war' on gangs

Los Angeles (Reuters) - A thousand policemen swept through gang-ridden areas of Los Angeles at the weekend, arresting 680 people after the Mayor, Mr Tom Bradley, said: "We are determined to take back the streets from the hoodlums..."

Soviet alerts increase

Moscow (Reuters) - Violations of Soviet airspace have increased by 50 per cent since the West German pilot Mathias Rust landed his light plane here last May, Pravda said yesterday...

Bank fraud charges

Milan (Reuters) - Magistrates have laid charges against Mrs Anna Bonomi Bolchini, aged 77, one of Italy's most prominent women financiers. She is accused of involvement in the collapse of Banco Ambrosiano...

Boost for Liberals

Sydney - Australia's federal opposition leader, Mr John Howard, left, was jubilant at a weekend Liberal party by-election win at the expense of his coalition partners, the National Party...



Cool nerve freezes out the melodramas

It would seem rash to predict anything about the American election campaign any more. The voters have confounded the media, the polls and the pundits - the self-proclaimed guardians of conventional wisdom - so often already that all previous assumptions have to be discarded...

Mr Robertson's invisible army rode into view. It never appeared. Super Tuesday was called an impossible risk for Mr Albert Gore, the Tennessee Senator with the temerity to ignore "big mo" and bypass the first two contests...

Washington View

By Michael Binyon written off but had to be resurrected after Illinois. And then there was Michigan, where the Duke - as supporters like Mr Dukakis to be known when his bandwagon is under way - was meant to show the inevitable result...

Nixon sees close-fought victory for Bush

From Christopher Thomas in Washington and Charles Bremner in New York

Mr Richard Nixon said yesterday that Vice-President George Bush "ought" to win the presidential election by a landslide, but predicted that it would turn out to be a close fight.

In a television interview, the former president, aged 75, suggested that the best running-mate for Mr Bush would be Senator Robert Dole, in spite of the fact that the two men do not like each other.

While Mr Nixon was saying emphatically that Mr Bush would win the Republican nomination, Governor Mario Cuomo of New York was sowing further confusion among Democrats. He appeared to rule out the possibility of accepting a draft as the party's presidential candidate...



Dukakis would win the Democratic nomination. But he would not take the presidential election "unless he goes South". His first choice (as a running mate) should be Senator Sam Nunn, who would help in the South as well as on defence issues...

Mr Nixon implied in a Wall Street Journal article last week that Mr Bush was weak, but described him yesterday as a strong candidate. Since losing in Iowa, the Vice-President had "come into his own"...

Asked if Mr Dukakis was too dull, Mr Nixon said that the Rev Jesse Jackson and Governor Mario Cuomo were poets. Mr Dukakis was a word processor. "On the other hand, he is cool, intelligent, tough and good in debate."



A technician puts the final touches to Mr Nixon's make-up before his television interview.

Moscow word machine talks up the benefits of Afghan pull-out

From Christopher Walker Moscow

The Kremlin has launched an intensive propaganda campaign at home and abroad to pre-empt any Western claims that the imminent Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan represents a defeat at the hands of the Muslim rebels.

speech on Saturday night, in which Mr Mikhail Gorbachev confirmed that the withdrawal will now start as planned on May 15, the Moscow press yesterday contained a stream of articles praising the decision, and placing on it what in Washington political parlance would be called a "favourable spin".

Some Westerners have welcomed the war's economic toll

and were epitomized by the Soviet-Afghan treaty of 1921. The euphemistic Soviet commentators have given their readers little hint of the violent internal divisions splitting the pro-Moscow regime of President Najibullah in Afghanistan...

secret, never alluded to in any war reporting which appears in Moscow. Western military experts maintain that the Soviet death toll is now well over 12,000, with at least five times that many men wounded - some of them permanently disabled - and that it is continuing to rise at a rate of around 50 killed or wounded daily.

State media have performed dismally during the conflict

in addition, tens of thousands of Soviet troops have suffered severe gastric disorders in Afghanistan. The Western experts, some of whom have privately welcomed the enormous drain which the conflict has imposed on the already hard-pressed Soviet economy, have estimated the cost to the Kremlin at about one million roubles (£1 million) a day, though they acknowledge that this figure is little more than an informed guess.

But a determined effort has been made in the Soviet media, since the day the withdrawal date was first mentioned by Mr Gorbachev in his detailed statement of February 8, to give the impression that the Soviet troops have in some way successfully completed the mission which they were sent to accomplish on December 27, 1979.

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A senior Western diplomat explained: "Provided Dr Najibullah remains in power, it will be possible to continue to argue that line with at least a shred of credibility. But if he is overthrown, assassinated or, perhaps most humiliatingly, forced to flee across the Soviet border with his entourage, it will no longer hold any water."

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Business as usual at busy Larnaca airport

Hijack drama is backdrop for picnics and play

The hijacked Kuwaiti Airways jumbo jet sits near Larnaca airport's lone runway, unique only in the way in which its massive size dwarfs surrounding aircraft. Charter planes bringing in holidaymakers continue to take off and land, their metropolitan arrivals and departures underlining the business-as-usual atmosphere of the airport...

Luckily it was a sight the hostages were unable to witness. The blinds on their aircraft's portholes had been kept down since it landed on Friday. Guarded by the hijackers on board the closed aircraft, the hostages had either seen or heard their captors beating up a Kuwaiti military officer, and shooting him three times in the head before tossing his dying body onto the tarmac. Death was closer for them than soft drinks and ice-cream.

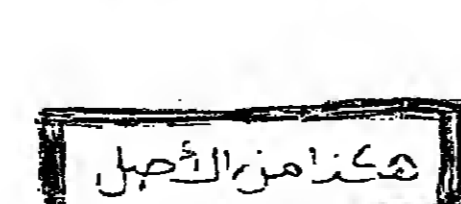
economic reasons for wanting to ensure that Kuwait's ruling Sunni aristocracy is not overrun by a sustained campaign by Shia extremists. Kuwait is seen as a small but important bulwark against the spread of the fundamentalist revolution throughout the Gulf. The hijacking forms part of a series of attacks by Shia elements, mainly organized outside the country, which began in 1983 and is apparently designed to topple the ruling al-Sabah family.

Chilling messages in broken English

Larnaca (Reuters) - Radio exchanges between the hijackers and the control tower at Larnaca are providing a blow-by-blow account of the crisis for listening reporters. Many of the messages from the hijackers, speaking clear but often broken English, are chilling. "Confirm one passenger is hurt", a hijacker said in a matter-of-fact tone on Sunday after a threat to beat passengers unless the plane was refuelled.

Chilling messages in broken English. "If they don't get a positive response within one hour and 15 minutes regarding fuel, they are going to start killing or hitting passengers - correction, they are going to start hitting passengers," the plane's flight engineer said. "Hurting or killing?" asked the tower. "Hurting, hurting, hurting," replied the flight engineer. Some of the exchanges appear to raise prospects that efforts to end the crisis might bear fruit.

At the same time, Kuwait has sustained threats and missile attacks by Iran, probably designed to loosen Kuwait's support for Iraq in the Iran-Iraq war. The Shia extremists are assumed to be in sympathy with the most radical elements of the Iranian Government. Britain showed its commitment to Kuwait with its decision last year to allow Kuwaiti ship-owners to register vessels under the British flag to qualify for protection from the Armilla Patrol. At the same time Washington allowed 11 Kuwaiti tankers to be refueled under the Stars and Stripes.



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Tutu challenges Pretoria on troops in Namibia

From Michael Hornsby, Katutura, Namibia

Archbishop Desmond Tutu, preaching to a packed church in this black township of 60,000 people, yesterday told South African troops to "go home and leave the people of Namibia alone". They offered the kind of protection, he said, that Namibians would rather do without.

A congregation of more than 1,000 ululating blacks, and a few whites, greeted the Archbishop and 18 black and white Anglican bishops from all over southern Africa as they arrived in their cream, gold and crimson robes for the service in the dusty squalor of this Namibian Soweto.

Katutura lies just outside Windhoek, the capital of Namibia, which is also known as South West Africa. A German colony before the First World War, the vast territory of some 319,000 square miles has been controlled since 1915 by South Africa, for the last 17 years in defiance of international law.

Pursuing his spiritual challenge to the Pretoria government, Archbishop Tutu and a party of nine bishops had returned to Windhoek on Saturday evening from a two-day visit to Ovamboland, about 360 miles to north, on Namibia's war-torn border with southern Angola.

This remote area, where

more than half of Namibia's 1.9 million population lives, has been the scene of 22 years of despoliation but murderous bush warfare between the South African security forces and the guerrillas of the South West Africa People's Organization.

On Saturday, Archbishop Tutu held a service at Oshakati (Reuter) — a petrol bomb destroyed a South African diplomat's car at his home in the Australian capital early yesterday. No one was injured in the attack and there have been no claims of responsibility.

While the bishops celebrated communion with their congregation, military vehicles rumbled constantly up and down the nearby road, between Oshakati and Ondangwa, a hope, sandbagged air force base, some 20 miles to the south-east, which bristles with radar installations.

The South African military presence in the area is far in excess of what would be needed merely to contain the modest military threat posed by Swapo.

Pretoria uses Oshakati and Ondangwa as the main staging-posts for operations inside southern Angola in support of the Unita rebels.

Whether by accident or design, Archbishop Tutu had timed his tour of the war zone to coincide with last Friday's visit to Windhoek by President Botha, who afterwards announced that he was giving strengthened powers to the South African administrator-general here.

"My neighbour in Cape Town came here and made it quite clear that the government in Cape Town is the government of Namibia," the archbishop said. He called the nominally autonomous Windhoek administration no more than an "echo of the master's voice".

After his meeting with the local administration, Mr Botha said that he was giving the administrator-general, Mr Louis Pienaar, the power to curb newspapers which promoted "subversion and terrorism" and to restrict organizations which sought to achieve political goals by violence, thus apparently threatening an extension of South Africa's state of emergency to Namibia.



Archbishop Tutu meeting Bishop George Kauluma of Namibia in Oshakati during his visit to the troubled border region.

He also empowered Mr Pienaar to hold controversial elections to ethnically-defined local authorities.

Most of Namibia's 78,000 whites want the authorities preserved, but the multi-racial Windhoek government is

seeking to abolish them in an attempt to win wider support among the Namibian population. Many of those in the congregation in Katutura yesterday sported the red, blue and white colours of Swapo, which has a legal political

organization here and is separate from the guerrilla wing, the People's Liberation Army of Namibia, which operates from bases in Angola. Archbishop Tutu and more than 20 bishops of the southern African province of the Anglican

Church are holding their annual synod in Windhoek this week to mark the tenth anniversary of the passage of the United Nations Security Council's Resolution 435 calling for independence for Namibia.

Colombo talks to guerrilla leader

Colombo — President Jayewardene of Sri Lanka had two hours of talks with a Tamil guerrilla leader, it was reported (Vijitha Yapa writes).

The President's discussions in the capital — with Mr Uma Maheswaran, the head of the People's Liberation Organization of Tamil Eelam — marked the first time he had met a rebel fighting for a separate state in the island's Northern and Eastern provinces.

According to *The Sunday Times* here, informed sources said that among the subjects discussed were elections to the merged provincial council, the future of the Indian peace-keeping force, and the role of the guerrilla group within a democratic framework.

Cocaine seller

Rutland, Vermont (Reuter) — John Zaccaro, son of Mrs Geraldine Ferraro, the 1984 US vice-presidential candidate, was found guilty of selling cocaine to an undercover police officer in 1986.

Poll killings

Dhaka — Four people were killed and more than 100 others injured in violent clashes during re-run village mayoral polls, police said.

Rebel kidnap

Diyarbakir, Turkey (Reuter) — Kurdish rebels kidnapped five children from a Turkish hamlet near the Iraqi border, security sources said.

Everest body

Hong Kong (Reuter) — A Chinese climbing team found the body of an unidentified mountaineer 4,500 ft below the summit of Mount Everest.

US dismay as anti-American feeling rises in Honduras

From Christopher Thomas Washington

A surge of anti-American feeling in Honduras, a desperately poor country economically and politically dominated by the US, has dismayed the Reagan Administration and raised questions about their future relations.

US officials have also been taken aback by the extent of hostility its economic crackdown on Panama has brought among the people there. Three days ago President

Reagan widened sanctions on the country by ordering a freeze on all Panamanian government assets in the US and prohibiting all US payments to the Government of General Manuel Noriega, the *de facto* leader.

The two crises appear to be fuelling an upsurge in anti-Americanism throughout Latin America, even though there is widespread dislike for General Noriega and deep disdain for Honduras for allowing itself to become a US client state. Traditionally, Latin

American nationalism focuses on complete freedom from foreign influence.

Honduras was the one country that seemed securely within the American orbit, largely because the US keeps the tiny economy afloat and the Government is avowedly capitalist. But the bewildering and contradictory American moves over the past two years to support and then to cut off aid to the Nicaraguan Contras have created growing confusion, anger and fear.

The immediate catalyst for anti-American violence was the extradition to the US of a Honduran who was said to be a drug trafficker. The Honduran Constitution forbids such extradition, and the move is seen as yet another example of US domination.

The arrival of some 3,000 US troops last month in a gesture of support to the Contras also fuelled anti-American sentiment. There was already a feeling that national sovereignty had been virtually

given over to the US, which has maintained a presence of at least 1,000 troops there over the past six years. It has openly used economic aid to bend the civilian Government and the military to its will.

There is fear in Tegucigalpa that once Mr Reagan is out of office, Honduras will be left to pay the political price for supporting US policy against Nicaragua. It also fears enormous financial and social costs if thousands of Contras try to settle in the country.

in Panama, the business community has largely turned against US strategy to bring down General Noriega because of fears that the economy is being irreversibly damaged. Already Panama's promising future as the financial centre for Latin America has been shattered.

Anti-American feeling has grown rapidly since March 3, when the 130 financial institutions were forced to close because of a US-triggered currency crisis.

Turks edging closer to EEC's expanding orbit

By Richard Owen

A year ago, almost to the day, since Turkey submitted its application for EEC membership, the community appears to be softening its initial opposition. During her visit to Turkey at the end of last week Mrs Thatcher went as far as she could to assure the Turks that Britain was sympathetic to Turkish entry into the EEC in spite of all the "difficulties".

— provided Turkey understood that the process would be a long one.

The Prime Minister was preceded in this by M Jean-Bernard Raimond, the French Foreign Minister, who declared in Ankara in January that France would not block Turkey's application.

One little-noticed consequence of the EEC's determined drive to complete the single European market by 1992 has been the desire of European nations on the edges of the Community to be drawn closer into its orbit — and preferably to join it. After 1992, the argument goes, the EEC will form a united political and economic bloc, with no internal frontiers and no internal barriers to trade.

As this prospect becomes a reality rather than a pipe-dream it is causing profound concern among "the other Europeans", principally those nations which belong to the European Free Trade Association, such as Sweden, Norway and Austria. All of them do most of their trade with the EEC, and none of them wants to be excluded from the benefits of an internal market of 320 million people.

Just as Mrs Thatcher was winding up her Turkish trip, Mr Willy de Clercq, the EEC Commissioner for External

Relations, was in Vienna opening the EEC's first diplomatic mission to Austria. Dr Franz Vranitzky, the Austrian Chancellor, said that Austria would ensure that its economic laws and regulations were kept in line with the 1992 programme. Austrian officials have said that an Austrian application for membership is "very much an option", and that Austria hopes, in the meantime, to become a *de facto* 13th member.

This approach is matched in Sweden and in Norway, which voted against EEC membership in a referendum in 1972. The White Paper published recently in Oslo on Norway and the EEC hinted strongly that the referendum decision might be reversed.

All of which presents senior EEC officials in Brussels with a dilemma: how to encourage would-be members to forge closer links with the EEC without, at the same time, encouraging actual applications. EEC officials are flattered at the surge of interest in what 1992 will mean for "the other Europeans". But they hold firmly to the view that 12 is an optimum number, and the EEC is still coping with the absorption of Spain and Portugal in 1987.

The priority is to complete the complex task of creating the single market, which already involves "harmonizing" 12 different economies. Only then — perhaps in the mid-1990s — can enlargement even be considered.

The calculation is that there are enough obstacles to keep would-be members at arm's length for the moment. The Russians have already warned Vienna that EEC membership would breach the 1955 treaty guaranteeing Austrian neu-

trality (and forbidding any formal links with Germany). For that matter, the Waldheim affair has done little to enhance its image in Europe.

The obstacles to Turkish membership are even greater. Turkey has a 25-year-old association agreement with the EEC, and ties — including frozen EEC aid — will be discussed at foreign minister level in Luxembourg on April 26. But, in spite of Mrs Thatcher's tactful remarks, the EEC does not want a flood of Turkish migrant workers in Europe (there are already two million in West Germany), the Turkish economy remains weak (although it is developing fast) and Turkey's human rights record is poor.

Efforts by Mr Turgut Ozal, the Prime Minister, to prove that Turkey belongs to Europe rather than Asia fail to convince those who regard Turkey as a Muslim culture at heart. Greece, which takes over the EEC presidency from West Germany in July, will certainly stall the Turkish application, in spite of the recent limited rapprochement between Athens and Ankara.

The strongest Turkish argument, and one which may prevail, is that since Turkey belongs to Nato it should also be in the EEC. The same argument can be applied to Norway. The distinction between European Nato and the EEC is becoming increasingly blurred as the EEC deals with political and security matters as part of the 1992 process.

If the EEC, having achieved a unified economy, goes on to adopt a common defence policy this would have far-reaching implications for neutral nations such as Austria, Sweden and Ireland.

Uncertainty after decade of progress for Green parties

From Richard Owen, Antwerp

Europe's 12 Green parties converged on Antwerp at the weekend to discuss their role in local government, 10 years after public concern over the environment first gave environmentalists a political platform. But behind the earnest speeches on rubbish disposal, urban transport and the role of women, there was an undercurrent of anxiety.

The Greens are a significant force on the Continent, unlike in Britain, where they tend to be seen as fanatic fringe. But after a decade of what one delegate called "phenomenal progress", the Greens' political future in Europe is uncertain. The anti-pollution, anti-nuclear bandwagon seems to be losing its attraction and the Greens are trying to broaden their appeal beyond narrow ecological issues.

According to Miss Sara Parkin, a leading British

Green and one of the European Greens' "co-secretaries", the Continent's environmentalists are at a watershed. At the Congress, hosted by Agalev, the Belgian Green party — which has 11 MPs — activists set up stalls suggesting business as usual.

There was a creche for Green Party children, lapel badges proclaimed "Let our rivers live" and "Say no to Nato", posters showed a vicious-looking missile strangled by a vigorous green tree with a dove in its branches.

But the superpower agreement removing intermediate range missiles from Europe has taken the wind out of the anti-nuclear weapons campaign. Equally, Green objections to nuclear power stations, given a temporary boost after the Chernobyl disaster two years ago, are finding less public support.

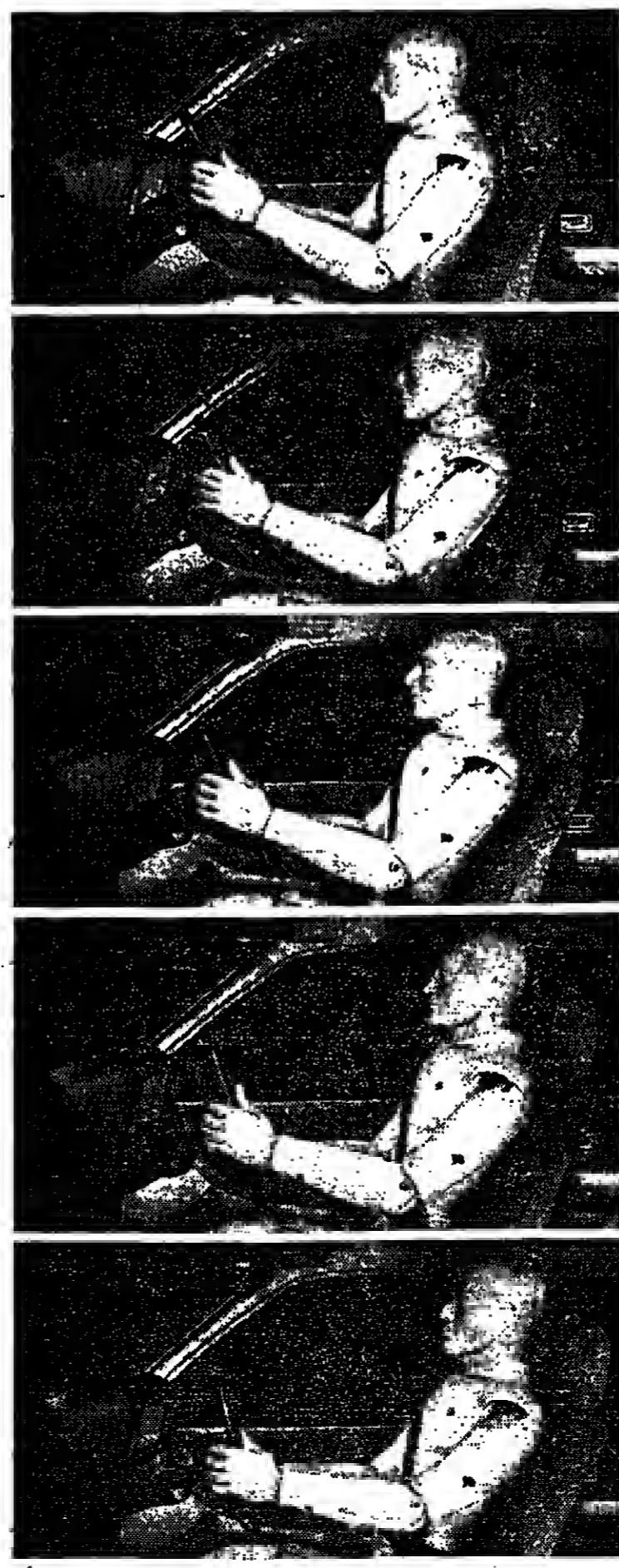
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ists who founded the Green movement in the heady days of the counter-culture are older and better off. The ad men have identified a new market: Green upwardly mobile professionals, or guppies.

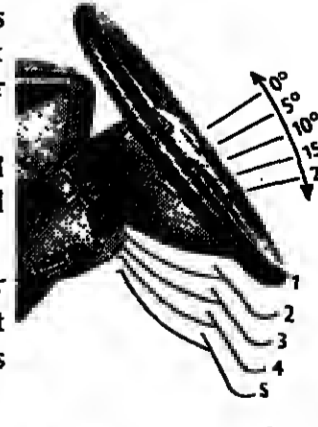
Some Greens at the Antwerp congress, such as Frau Luise Tenbrner, a West German Green MP, argue that the Greens' successes in "raising public consciousness" far outweigh current difficulties. Many voters, they say, share their aim of a healthy environment free of dangerous technologies or the threat of war.

But the Greens are in danger of letting the establishment political parties steal their clothes. All mainstream parties now have environmental policies, and industrial companies have become ecology-conscious. The Greens, the congress concluded, must remain active in local politics but also "go global".

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Israeli court bar on punishment of Beita

From David Bernstein, Jerusalem

The Supreme Court here yesterday issued an interim injunction forbidding the demolition of any more houses in the West Bank village of Beita, where the Army has already blown up or bulldozed 14 houses of villagers suspected of involvement in last Wednesday's bloody confrontation with a group of Israeli settlers.

The injunction was requested by an Israeli civil rights group, which claimed that the conflicting reports on what took place at Beita makes any form of punitive action against the villagers premature.

Israeli Radio yesterday carried a report that houses in the village had been demolished on the evidence of the young Israeli settlers involved in the incident. It said that the youngsters were taken back to the village and asked to identify anyone who was involved in the attack on them. It was on this evidence that the homes were demolished.

But the reliability of the settlers' account of the incident, in which a 15-year-old Israeli girl and two Arab villagers were killed, has been called increasingly into question over the weekend, particularly since the dissemination of details from the Army's investigation into the affair, which have differed substantially from those given by the settlers.

The Army's investigation has raised a possibility that the girl may have been shot dead accidentally by one of the two guards who accompanied the 16 teenagers from the West Bank settlement of Eiloo

Moreh on their hike through Beita, and not by the villagers as the settlers claim. An post-mortem examination found a bullet from the guard's M 16 in the girl's head.

The investigation also failed to back up the settlers' claims that the villagers had tried to massacre them, noting that they had had ample opportunity to do if they had wanted to. In the event, apart from the dead girl, only the guard — who had earlier killed two Arab villagers and wounded two others — was badly hurt. Another 14 children suffered minor injuries, caused mainly by stones thrown at them.

The army account attaches considerable weight to the irresponsible conduct of the hikers, who had not coordinated their hike with the Army and were not protected adequately. There are also suggestions that the whole incident may have been averted had it not been for the precipitous behaviour of the guard, Mr Romeam Aldubi, who apparently set off the tragic train of events by shooting one of the villagers without any true justification.

The settlers and their right-wing political champions have denounced the army report bitterly as a deliberate distortion of events intended to shift the blame from the villagers to the settlers and thereby to preempt calls from several right-wing politicians for retaliation against the Beita villagers.

Mrs Geula Cohen, the fiery leader of the ultra-nationalist Tehiya (Revival) party, yesterday called on the Defence Minister, Mr Yitzhak Rabin, to dismiss the Chief of Staff,

General Dan Shomron, for his part in the alleged distortion. Ministers belonging to the right-wing Herut party of Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Prime Minister, met the settlers' children yesterday and are demanding that the Army version should not be sacrosanct but should be weighed against that of the children.

The Peace Now movement has demanded, meanwhile, that the children be given lie-detector tests to resolve the many contradictions in their account of events.

In the Cabinet yesterday, Likud ministers attacked the Chief of Staff bitterly for having taken a position on the affair before an investigation had been completed.

The Likud Minister for Construction and Social Welfare, Mr David Levy, also wanted to know why the Army had done nothing to rescue the hikers, leaving them at the mercy of the villagers.

The Cabinet resolved yesterday to continue with the investigation being conducted in tandem by the police, who are questioning the Israelis involved, and the Army, which is questioning the Arabs. Hundreds of Beita villagers have been questioned and some 30 have reportedly been detained.

Whatever the outcome, last week's fiasco at Beita has emphasized the deep distrust that has long characterized relations between the West Bank settlers and the Army, and the Cabinet is going to have to tread a delicate line that will uphold the credibility of the Army without antagonizing the settlers.



Palestinians aiming home-made catapults at Israeli soldiers at a demonstration in Nablus on the West Bank at the weekend. The troops used tear gas to disperse the protesters.

Turmoil in Punjab: Part 1 Arms build-up at the Sikhs' holiest shrine

More than 700 people have been killed by Sikh separatist gunmen this year, and the increasing turmoil in India's northern state of Punjab is the biggest problem facing Mr Rajiv Gandhi's Government. In the first of two articles Michael Hamlyn reports from inside the Sikhs' holy city on the growing threat.

After the sun has gone down and the historic city of Amritsar prepares for sleep, the lights of the Golden Temple, the holiest shrine of the Sikh religion, reflect across its marble walkways and its mystic pool. They glitter on the beaten gold of the newly built dome of the Akal Takht, the seat of both the temporal and spiritual power of Sikhdom.

Accompanied by chanting and music, and ritual exercises and responses, the great holy book, regarded since 1708 as the only successor to the line of 10 Sikh gurus, is taken out of the Harimandir — the shrine in the centre of the pool — carried on the head of a priest, and then in its own gilded palanquin put ceremoniously to bed.

The ceremonies are watched by two young men in the round turbans, long shirts and bare legs of Sikh warriors, each carrying a Kalashnikov AK47 automatic assault rifle.

The guns are back in the temple where, four years ago, Sikhs and soldiers battled across the marble, tank tracks crushed the stairways, and the Akal Takht was shattered by shellfire. Sant Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, the terrorist holyman, told me then, before he made his last stand in the Takht building: "If the Indian Army comes in here, we shall make them eat iron lentils."

This weekend, his words were echoed by Gianj Jagir Singh, an angular grizzled warrior who is the official spokesman for the so-called Panthic committee, a loose confederation of Sikh armed extremist groups, who take the name of the Sikh religious community — the Panth.

"If they enter here, we shall give them the same reply as we did in 1984," he said, lounging on a first-floor balcony overlooking the inner temple.

Gianj Jagir Singh, a wanted member of the Khalistan Commando Force, one of the guerrilla groups, is unashamed of the stockpile of guns in this holy place. His friend and colleague, Mr Nirvaar Singh, a former high priest, goes to fetch his own Kalashnikov for me to admire. It is a Chinese-style version with the skeleton fold-away stock, and painted with the words Khalistan Commando Force, No. 12.

Khalistan — "the land of the pure" — is the name given to the independent Sikh state the extremists want to carve out of the flesh of Mr Rajiv Gandhi's India. "We want to be *batara* or *axara* — separate and free," said the Gianj.

The collection of weapons in the Temple is not without historical sanction. "The Golden Temple authorities cannot refuse any offer from a Sikh," he added. "The sixth Sikh Guru, Har Gobind, who built the Akal Takht, asked his followers instead of money to offer good weapons and horses to the Temple."

But the Indian authorities

are now seriously worried about the flow of these assault rifles and other armaments across the border with Pakistan, which lies only 20 miles away to the west.

Mr Abdul Siddiqui, the senior policeman in the five districts to the west of the troubled state, explained: "The terrorist incidents are not happening as often as people think, but one thing that is adding to the deaths is the influx of these sophisticated weapons."

Mr Siddiqui, the deputy inspector-general of police for the Jullundur range, showed off a collection of such arms captured a few hours earlier from four men carrying them into the state from the border area. There were six AK47s, one Indian-style Sterling sub-machinegun, eight automatic pistols, one .38 revolver and three unfamiliar machine carbines, which the police guessed were Chinese.

This was the second large cache of weapons the police had found in the past few days, and Mr Siddiqui, a Muslim whose Sikh predecessor was assassinated on the steps of the Golden Temple in 1983, was sure that Sikh morale had improved as a result.

But the authorities were reported yesterday as fearing that Sikh and aircraft missiles were being smuggled in from Pakistan. There is no concrete evidence for this fear, although there is evidence one was fired two weeks ago that RPG7 rocket-propelled grenades have arrived.

The newspapers have been hoisting for a week now that the Pakistan border "has been sealed". But the assertion is

plain nonsense. There are nearly 2,000 miles of frontier between the two former halves of British India, much of it following no geographical feature, no natural boundary, but simply a line drawn on a map by Sir Cyril Radcliffe under instructions not to take defence considerations into account. Mr Siddiqui admitted: "It is not possible to seal. But we are trying."

His view was endorsed by the man who has the job of doing it, Mr Prakash Singh, the Inspector-General of the Border Security Force in Punjab. He explained that many of the latest sensing devices may not be used on the frontier because of agreements with Pakistan.

In the meantime, weapons continue to cross the border, the Sikh guerrillas continue to carry out their outrages, and the last hope for a political solution now begins to revolve around a 34-year-old religious Sikh, Mr Jasbir Singh Rode, a nephew of Sant Bhindranwale, trained at the seminary for extremists once headed by his uncle. He is the new high priest of the Akal Takht, and much now depends on him.

Tomorrow: Is there a way out?

Poles move West in search of work

By Anatole Lieven

More than one million Poles travelled to the West last year, according to figures published by *Trybuna Ludu*, the national party newspaper. It is the highest figure since Solidarity was suppressed in 1981.

The report did not say how many failed to return, but the official statistics of 16,000 emigrants and 10,000 asylum seekers are believed to represent only a proportion of those who settled in the West.

Trybuna Ludu says that there are currently some 350,000 Poles living in the West "beyond the expiry of their passports". The real number could be as great as 600,000. It is difficult to estimate accurately, because many of those resident in the West intend at some stage to return home, or will do so if they fail to succeed on this side of the Iron Curtain.

But the newspaper says that the Polish Government does not plan to halt its liberalization of travel controls. These include a new passport, valid for 10 years instead of the present five, which is due to be introduced this year.

The reason for Warsaw's acceptance of the situation is the same as the reason why so many Poles wish to work abroad: the economic misery of today's Poland. In effect, it is becoming a country of migrant workers, following the pattern of Turkey, Portugal and southern Italy. Despite high unemployment

in Western Europe, and the poor pay offered in the semi-legal work which is all that is available to most recent Polish emigrants, they still find a higher standard of living than at home.

The older Polish communities in France and Britain, where many ex-servicemen and their descendants have lived since the Second World War.

Stricter immigration rules have meant that the new wave of emigrants have settled in other countries — above all West Germany — where they can be found in every sort of semi-casual job, from nannies to building labourers.

The Warsaw Government disclaims notwithstanding because the cash these workers send back to their families in Poland is an important source of foreign currency for the tottering economy. It is much less happy about educated and professional people emigrating. Other recent articles in the Polish press have pointed to the danger of a massive "brain drain", on the level of that in many Third World countries.

Some Poles remark that this trend could be seen as a factor in bringing the two halves of Europe back together, and contributing, though in a very limited way, to the recreation of a common European economy and society. But it is not the way in which they would wish it to happen.

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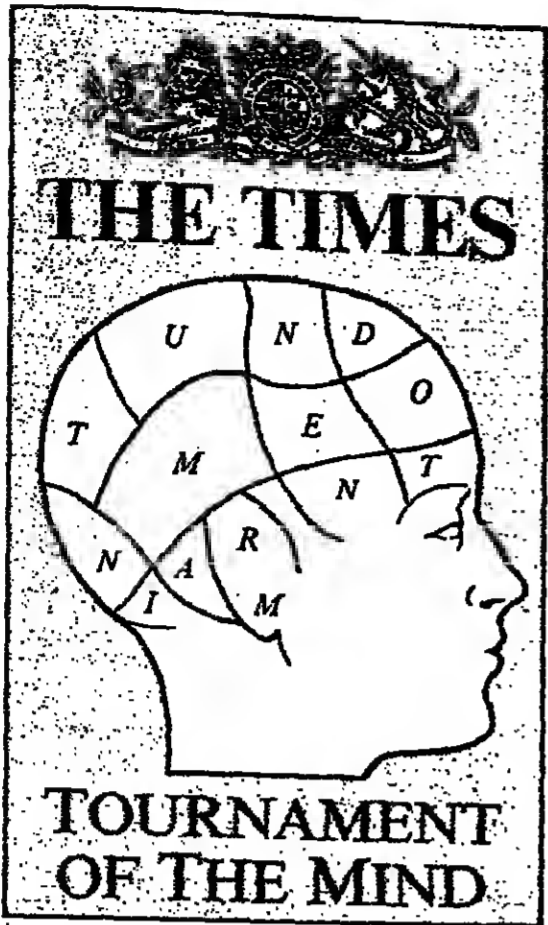
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against some of the best in Britain. The individual winner will receive £5,000 and *The Times* Mind of the Year trophy. In the event of a tie at the end of this week's contests, further questions will be set until an outright winner is found. All the finalists should have by now received preprinted answer forms, which will have to be returned by Friday, April 22. The schools' final for the prize of an IBM Personal System/2 computer will be played over five days in *The Times* beginning on Monday, April 18.

INDIVIDUAL FINAL - ROUND ONE

1 LOGIC

The letters of the word NEWSPAPER have been placed haphazardly to the square, below. By starting at the bottom N and moving upwards to the top R, from square to touching square, you will find more than one way of collecting all the letters of NEWSPAPER, in any order. You cannot move diagonally or collect more than one letter. How many ways can you find?

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2 VERBAL

Can you think of two words of the same four letters, which have a direct association with each part of the sentence, to replace the stars in the following:

"The * * * * left the water's edge, flew over the horses and landed in the * * * *"

3 MATHS

Four cog wheels are in constant mesh. The largest has 654 teeth, the next has 32, the next 12 and the smallest 6. How many revolutions will the largest cog have to make before all cogs return to their original position?

4 MISCELLANEOUS

What does this series of numbers represent?
1 60 480 9,600

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1. Name the French Jesuit who was ordained in 1623, evangelized the Hurons and was finally tortured to death by the Iroquois.
2. Which group of Greek philosophers believed that reality is timeless, motionless, changeless and indivisible and that any belief to the contrary is brought about by the frailty of the human senses?
3. Which chemical element is used in a system of dating materials utilising its production in the form of alpha particles during the radioactive decay of uranium-235, uranium-238 and thorium-232?
4. Which word in Indian religions represents the sounds A, U and M?
5. Name the Russian prince who married the niece of the last Byzantine emperor.

All those little white lies...

The progress of two men through our prejudiced society is observed by Brian James

On BBC1 tonight television begins an "investigation" made no less compelling by the leaden feeling from the first minute that we know precisely what they will discover: a mirror held up to British society reflects back little that is very new, and absolutely nothing that is very nice. The subject is racial prejudice, and the method taken by the *Grass Roots* team was to send two young men, one black (Geoff Small) one white (Tim Marshall) to Bristol to make identical applications for somewhere to live, for jobs, for admission to pubs, and then compare their experiences.

often the most friendly are been the most deceitful. Next they try for flats, telephoning in answer to newspaper adverts. Of 16 landlords who respond with "Yes, it's still free, call round", three react to the first sight of Small's colour with a glib, "Sorry, it's gone". Others say they have more to interview, they'll let him know.

An awful thing is the way they then involve Tim Marshall in what he calls their "whites-only club". "Had a coloured chap before you," one tells him. "Not suitable at all. What I want is a decent, honest sort of chap." Small has heard this stolen fragment of interview a score of times; yet in the preview theatre, his face still tightens. Another rejecting landlord, uneasy perhaps, gives his justification: "Nothing against them... seemed a nice chap... but a big chap, bit of a handful... a bit arrogant... if there was a problem..."



By colour divided: Geoff Small and Tim Marshall, who hold up a mirror to the painful truth about racial attitudes in Britain.

They try to join a snooker club. Small is told, with ample courtesy, that he will need to find someone to sponsor him. Marshall is led inside and instant sponsors are found, amid guffaws, at the bar. A golf club is even more superficially welcoming.

They try for jobs. First, evening work in a public house. Again, the job has gone where Small applies to a friendly barmaid, but mysteriously reappears when Marshall shall call minutes later. "The landlord did say it was a rough sort of pub," Marshall says, surely well aware that it is places like this that social theory and street life have an uneasy and potentially violent interface. "Perhaps he was just trying to save you grief."

Geoff Small could be a factor. He is strongly-built, a bit given to dark glasses, little given to smiling. He exudes a street hardness, so why, the timid may ask, take the chance? His own prejudices may be unhelpful. Driving around St Paul's at night, he counts the police. "That's four pairs of police... a Land-Rover... if that's not a siege, I don't know what is."

Yet these caveats can no more dismiss the sting of the series than can the shouts of mixed-race crowds enjoying mixed-race steel bands at St Paul's carnival, or the evidence that a majority did not discriminate. There is enough to appeal in the number of those who did.

TOMORROW
GETTING OUT OF A JAM: One day last December all traffic in London ground to a halt. Was it a taste of things to come? Starting tomorrow, *The Times* examines how Britain and other countries are preparing to avert the final gridlock

WHY JEAN HAMILTON IS NEVER WHERE PEOPLE THINK SHE SHOULD BE.



Jean Hamilton has been severely disabled with rheumatoid arthritis since the age of sixteen. She can walk a bit indoors but needs her wheelchair to get out and about and still needs the treatment and daily care only available at a live-in hospital.

"I know people here have a hard time finding me when they need me. That's because this is my home as well as a hospital. You wouldn't ask permission to leave your own house would you?"

As well as the treatment I get, living here enables me to be as independent as possible. It means I can freely offer my services to the local branch of the Disabled Advice Service and help out at a Drop-In centre where people who are lonely or isolated in some way can come in for a chat and advice.

Everyone needs to give as well as to receive in order to become a whole person. So often, disabled people in institutions are undervalued and not given the opportunity to contribute to society. This doesn't happen here.

Exit, the rat

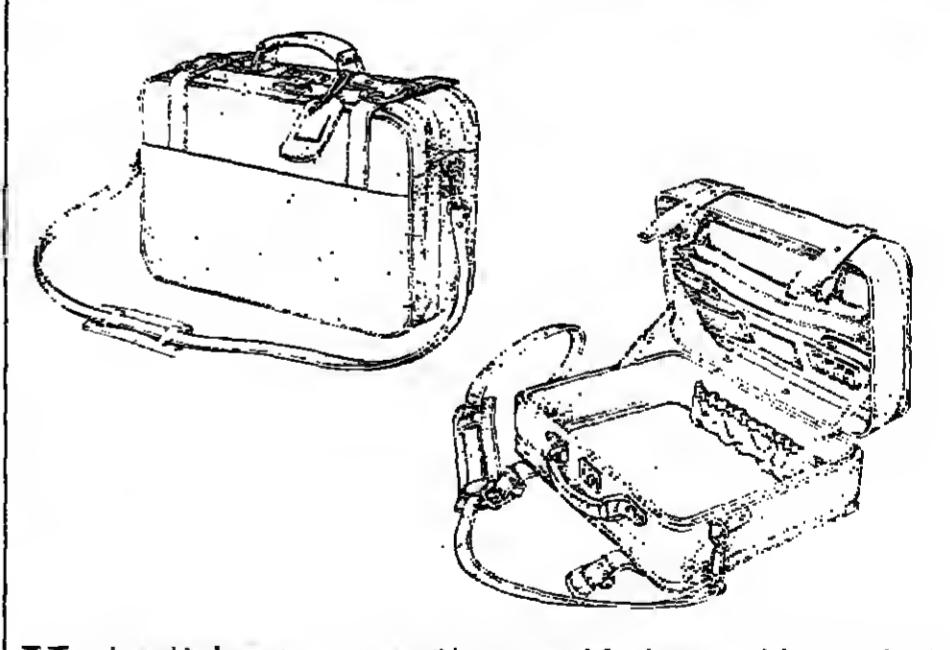
Has mainland Britain said farewell to the little villain of the Great Plague?

The black rat, for centuries a high scorer in villainy on the register of wildlife, might have slipped unnoticed into extinction in mainland Britain.

This is the rat that carried the fleas that spread the bubonic plague, and so was responsible for the Black Death, which began in 1348, and for other outbreaks, up to the Great Plague in 1665. Now researchers reporting to the Mammal Society are seeking evidence of its continued survival.

Once the black variety was the only rat known here, its downfall began about 200 years ago when the first of the more powerful brown — alias Norwegian — rats came ashore from ships' holds.

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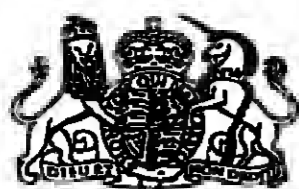
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WINDSOR CASTLE
April 9: The Princess Royal this afternoon unveiled a statue of Red Rum at Aintree Racecourse to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Grand National at Aintree.
Her Royal Highness subsequently presented the trophy to the winner of the 1988 Grand National.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D.J.C. Faber and Miss S.E. Gilbert
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr Julian and Lady Caroline Faber, of Chester Square, London, SW1, and Sally, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs K.J. Gilbert, of Yelverton, Devon.

Clifford Longley
More than a creed of greed?

For all its appearance of confidence, there is evidence that the Government is uneasy about its own underlying philosophy. Thatcherism, as popularly represented in the mass media and as commonly perceived by many of its own supporters, is a political creed without a heart, about nothing but "robbing the poor to help the rich" as the bishops of Durham and Southwark have put it, and the devil take the hindmost.

expensive burden, and do not vote Conservative. And the obvious conclusion is drawn.
The Government would regard this as a gross caricature; but it is the caricature which is taken for the reality by those who support it on the grounds that it serves their own selfish interests.

rooted in English history, is through Parliament and the Government; its moral and spiritual expression is through the national church. Both have chosen since the Second World War to express their social responsibility through the welfare state, which being part political and part moral was therefore in principle a joint church-Government enterprise.

OBITUARY
M ARMAND BLATON
A Belgian friend of England

M. Armand Blaton, Honorary KBE, who has died in Brussels at the age of 91, was a Belgian industrialist and entrepreneur who played an important part in the physical reconstruction of Belgium after the Second World War.

Mr Ralph Winterton, consultant gynaecological surgeon emeritus to the Middlesex Hospital, died on April 8 at the age of 82.
William Ralph Winterton was educated at Marlborough and Caius College, Cambridge, entering the Middlesex as a clinical student. He became gynaecological registrar in 1934, when the late Victor Bonney was at the peak of his career.

MR MOZAFFAR FIROUZ

Mr Mozaffar Firouz, a former deputy prime minister and influential figure in Iranian politics after the war, died on April 7 in Paris, where he had been living in exile. He was 83.
He was one of the exiles who carried out a propaganda campaign against the late Shah. He had harboured a deep dislike of the Pahlavi dynasty after the death in prison of his father, Prince Nosrat-od-Doleh. He himself, with his vague left-wing leanings, was known as the "Red Prince".

MR JOHN WOODWARD

Mr John Woodward, former Keeper of Art at the City of Birmingham Museum, died on March 13 at the age of 66.
He had originally shown his flair as assistant keeper in the Department of Art (now Western Art) in the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford. While there he published Tudor and Stuart Drawings.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, trustee, will attend a meeting and dinner of the Trustees of the Prince Philip Trust Fund for the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead at Windsor Guildhall at 6.00.
Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother will visit the National Art-Collections Fund Exhibition at the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge, at 11.20.

Nature notes

Chiffchaffs and blackcaps are now arriving in large numbers, and it looks as though they will be very common in British woods this year.
The first sedge warblers are returning to the brambles at the edge of lakes and ditches: they announce themselves by a quick rattling song, and when they appear for a moment at the top of the bush, the creasy eye-stripe is conspicuous on this little brown and white bird. Later in the month, they will be fluttering into the sky as they sing, then diving back again.



Service dinners

Movement Control Officers' Club
Brigadier J.K. Pitt, President of the Movement Control Officers' Club, presided at the annual ladies night dinner held on Saturday at Buller Barracks, Aldershot. Colonel Sir David Cooke, chairman, was among those present.

Carriages draw the crowds

The sleet and snow on Saturday failed to deter hardy carriage driving enthusiasts from travelling to Sotheby's in Billingshurst, West Sussex, for a sale of horse-drawn vehicles.
Some of the finest examples of British 19th century transport were brought by Mr John Dunston, a property developer, including gigs, carts, wagons and phaetons were auctioned.



Detail from Self-portrait with Lute, by Jan Steen (c 1626-1679): Steen's sense of fun comes bubbling through in this portrait of himself looking decidedly the worse for drink and dressed in an unkempt, archaic costume. Perhaps he actually wanted to appear the jester: there was a great deal of mockery in Steen's view of the world. The Thyssen-Bornemisza Collection of Old Masters is at the Royal Academy until June 12.

Appointments

Dr A. L. Macchia to be Director of Studies at the Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, from April 21.
The Right Rev Richard Harries, Bishop of Oxford, to be President of the Campaign for Equal State Pension Ages. Mr Andrew Bowden, MP, and Mr George Fogles, MP, to be vice-presidents.

Marriages

Mrs W.A. Jintsum and Miss H.G. Kemp
A service of blessing was held to the Chapel of the Bishop of the Duke and Duchess of York and The Prince Edward were present at the marriage of Mr Richard Warburton, to Miss Sarah York, at Holy Cross Parish Church, Uckfield, on Saturday.

Birthdays today

Miss Janet Allen, former headmistress, Benenden School, 52; Mr J. Burnett-Stuart, chairman, Robert Fleming Holdings, 58; Sir Raymond Carr, warden, St. Antony's College, Oxford, 69; Mr Gertrude de Peyer, clarinetist, 62; Mr Clive Exton, scriptwriter and playwright, 58; Mr Ronald Fraser, actor, 58; Mr Laurence Irving, actor and author, 91; Mr Richard Wainwright, former MP, 70.

Framlingham College

Mr Laurie Rimmer is retiring from the Headmastership of Framlingham College in July, 1989, after 18 years in the post.

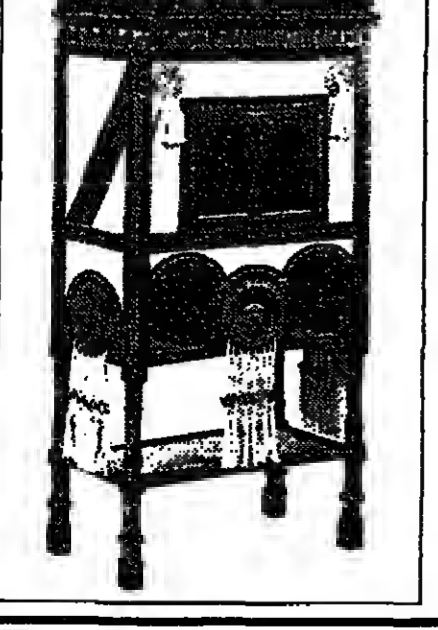
Memorial service

Mrs M. Dent-Brocklehurst
A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mrs Mary Dent-Brocklehurst was held on Saturday at St Peter's, Winchcombe, Gloucestershire. Canon R.W. Miles officiated and read the lesson and the Archdeacon of Cheltenham gave an address. Gloucestershire County Council was represented by Lieutenant-Colonel W.A. McLellan.

Latest wills

Dowager Duchess of Beaufort, of Badminton, Avon, widow of the 10th Duke, left estate valued at £45,136 net.

PICK OF THE WEEK AT CHRISTIE'S



Carlo Bugatti
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THIS CABINET is an outstanding example of work by Carlo Bugatti, one of the leading Italian cabinet makers at the turn of the century and father of the sculptor Rembrandt Bugatti and the car maker Ettore Bugatti. Dating from circa 1900, it is typical of the fine pewter and brass inlay which he applied to designs based on the Moorish style.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

Personal and domestic news including births, marriages, and deaths.

BIRTHS: BALBON - On April 10th, to Michael... MARRIAGES: LAURENCE - At the United Reform Church... DEATHS: BERNARD - On April 10th, 1988...

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MONTE CARLO? Are you a woman? 60+? Always wanted to drive in a motor rally? For charity...

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Appointments in the Forces

The Army General C. E. W. Jones to be Quartermaster General... Brigadier M. J. Wilkins to be Commander 3rd Air Assault Division...

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Sir John Elliot, Parliamentarian, Sir Germaine Cornwall, 1592; James Parkin, 1759; George Canning, 1780; Charles Hallé, pianist and conductor, that name, 1819.

Executive Editor
David Brewerton

STOCK MARKET
(Change on week)
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1413.4 (+26.7)
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1779.7 (+37.2)
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34521 (35548)
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145.26 (+0.76)

THE POUND
(Change on week)
US dollar
1.8765 (-0.0090)
W German mark
3.1394 (+0.0160)
Trade-weighted
78.3 (+0.2)

US NOTEBOOK
Confusion reigns at Federal Reserve
From Maxwell Newton
New York

The central banks are nervous about this Thursday's US trade figures and in the run-up to the G7 meeting in Washington, are doing their best to put a brave face on the US dollar.

The Federal Reserve's policy aims are confused and its leadership divided. This is not helped by uncertainty about the trend of the US economy. Actions seemingly designed to ward-off another run on the dollar have been taken.

Preceding the Bank of England's decision to cut the base rate on Friday, the Federal Reserve further tightened its monetary policy by raising the Fed funds rate to 10 percent on March 15.

The Fed may have been Bush-wacked by the White House. In its error... the blunder that began the recent slide of the dollar.

In January the central banks conducted a successful attack on the dollar, catching all short dollar positions and inflicting pain on those found short of dollars.

But in a bizarre policy twist, all this advantage was thrown away by the Fed in its further cash flooding of January.

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G7 to pledge dollar action

Ministers will underline importance of stability

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The Group of Seven finance ministers and central bankers, meeting in Washington on Wednesday, will commit themselves to action to stabilize the dollar through what could be a stormy period ahead of the US presidential election.

The G7 countries - the United States, Britain, West Germany, Japan, France, Italy and Canada - will reaffirm their December 23 statement which pledged action against either a further fall or a significant rise in the dollar's value.

With the exception of the Bank of Japan, finance ministers and central bank officials in the G7 capitals have been coy about admitting to target ranges for the dollar against the leading currencies.

The dollar also gained ground from the stronger showing of Mr Michael Dukakis, the Massachusetts governor, in the Democratic race for the presidential nomination.

Prospects for the US trade deficit and the Japanese and German surpluses. The dollar was firmer at the end of last week, after the Fed funds rate rose to 6 3/4 percent.

Framlington's future causes concern



Persuaders: Paul Laach (left) and Bob Seabrook must convince Throgmorton shareholders (Photograph: James Morgan)

Fears of deadlock at fund manager
By Graham Searjeant
Financial Editor

Fears are growing in the City that the boardroom dispute over the future of Framlington Group could reach an impasse, with neither side able to present a solution acceptable to City institutions.

Throgmorton Trust posted its £67 million offer for the whole of Framlington late last week. Throgmorton Trust is managed by Throgmorton Investment Management Services, a subsidiary of Framlington, whose directors form the minority on the Framlington board.

The offer of 192p per share is seen as fair by leading City analysts, given the sharp fall in the stock market values of fund management companies since October.

Throgmorton Trust and two other investment trusts managed by TIMS have the right to cancel their contracts without compensation on a change of control of Framlington. These trusts account for £400 million of more than £600 million managed by TIMS out of a group total of £1.5 billion.

Home loans rate poised for reduction to 9.5% or lower

By Alison Eadie

The half a percentage point cut in bank base rates to 8 per cent, the lowest base rate for 10 years, looks certain to spark a new round of mortgage rate cuts to 9.5 per cent or lower.

Mr Mark Boleat, director-general of the Building Societies Association, said yesterday that extensive mortgage rate reductions had been clearly signalled by the base rate cut.

Some lenders dropped their rates below 10 per cent before Easter. The Halifax, Britain's biggest building society, cut its rate for new borrowers to 9.8 per cent at the end of March. It is now extending the benefit to existing borrowers, who will enjoy a rate of 9.8 per cent or less from May 1.

Oil likely to rise \$1 a barrel

Vienna (Reuters) - Spot oil prices are likely to rise by about \$1 a barrel in early business today after the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries' price monitoring committee decided yesterday that the group should hold two meetings this month.

A price committee meeting on April 23, to which at least seven non-Opec countries are invited, will be followed by a consultative meeting of all 13 Opec states on April 25.

Merged County NatWest targets European market

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

County NatWest, the investment bank, today completes the reorganization of its securities operation following the merger with Wood Mackenzie, the stockbroker firm it bought from Hill Samuel last year.

The merged firm is to be called County NatWest WoodMae and is headed by Mr John Chiene, who was chairman of WoodMae before the merger. Mr Chiene said that the merger had produced a fair balance between the two companies.

After about 150 redundancies and resignations, the new company has about 700 staff split equally between County and Wood Mackenzie employees. All staff except the corporate finance team have now moved into Drapers Garage.

The offer of 192p per share is seen as fair by leading City analysts, given the sharp fall in the stock market values of fund management companies since October. Mr Seabrook and Mr Paul Laach, who also sit on the trust board, will have to convince Throgmorton's own shareholders of the virtue of investing a fifth of their enlarged gross assets in fund management.

USM REVIEW

Clinton brings its greeting card

By Michael Clark

The customer comes first at Clinton Cards, the up-market specialist greetings card retailer, which takes its bow on the Unlisted Securities Market early next month.

News Corp wins go-ahead

Canberra (AP-Dow Jones) - The Australian government yesterday cleared the way for The News Corporation, headed by Mr Rupert Murdoch, to buy an additional stake in Reuters Holdings Plc, the international news and financial information service.

DIAMOND SERVICE

WHO HAS THE MOST WEEKDAY FLIGHTS TO AMSTERDAM?

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APPOINTMENTS

Chief executive named at Air New Zealand

Air New Zealand: Mr Jim Scott becomes chief executive on June 1. Central and City Holdings: Mr Keith Armas and Mr Joseph Hyde have been made directors. PA Consulting Group: Mr David Coulter has been appointed finance director. Appleyard Group: Mr Stephen Williams and Mr Michael Noel have been appointed directors. Mr Robert Maxwell becomes senior executive for Scotland. IDC Communications: Mr Vincent Plumb becomes managing director. Ballantyne, McKeen & Sullivan: Mr Roger Cooper has been appointed executive director. Citymax: Mr Lucien D'Sa has been made director of sales and marketing. Dial Contracts: Mr Howard Pemberton becomes operations director. Network Vehicles: Mr Ray Parsons joins the board as director and general manager. Brammer: Mr Jon Foulds becomes chairman on June 1. Mr Brian Allison has joined the board. Amersham International: Sir Edwin Nixon has become chairman.

Philip Harris Holdings: Mr David Macey and Mr David Limney have been made joint managing directors. Alexon Group: Mr David Cohen has been named group finance director. TSB England & Wales: Mr Charles Love has become executive director of financial services. Television South: Mr Alan Boyd has joined the board as an executive director. Catalyst Publications: Mr Craig Walker has been made managing director and publisher. Standard Life Assurance: Mr Jim Stretton has become deputy managing director. Equity & General: Mr Richard Banks has joined the board as group finance director. Jardine Insurance Brokers: Mr David Cowley has been made managing director and Mr Barry Strong deputy managing director of the corporate division. Mr John Hastings-Bass has been appointed managing director of the personal lines division. Salomon Brothers International: Mr Ian Brimacombe has joined the financial institutions group as vice-president of European insurance.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Table with columns: Market rates for April 3, Sterling index compared with 1975 was up at 78.3 (day's range 78.1-78.4), Sterling spot and forward rates, Other sterling rates, Dollar spot rates, Euro money deposits, Treasury bills.

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A growing appetite for better training

The mood at this week's London conference on Human Resources is buoyant, as the interest in training continues to grow

Five years ago you would not have seen advertisements for human resource development managers in the executive-recruitment pages of The Times. Now you see them regularly.

as much as it should. But there are signs in both industry and the professions that the message is getting through.

One encouraging development came last autumn when numerous entrants for Britain's first ever National Training Awards (organizations such as IBM, Shell, Michelin, ICI, Thomas Cook, Next and Dixons) showed that they were operating highly effective training programmes delivered to meet well-defined business objectives.

More might need to be done but here was a bedrock of good practice on which to build.

In the same vein, "continuing professional development" has become a great area of growth. Various institutions as well as accountants, lawyers, architects and engineers are all now involved and systematic training is even being considered for the judges.

To cap it all, there was the Financial Services Act. By laying down stringent training

regulations for financial advisers it underlined the point in no uncertain terms that training matters. So the mood of this week's Human Resource Development Exhibition and Conference at the Barbican in London is buoyant.

As you examine the long list of exhibitors you will see that the training industry has transformed itself almost beyond recognition. The image it presents is significantly more sophisticated and professional than it was at the start of the 1980s.

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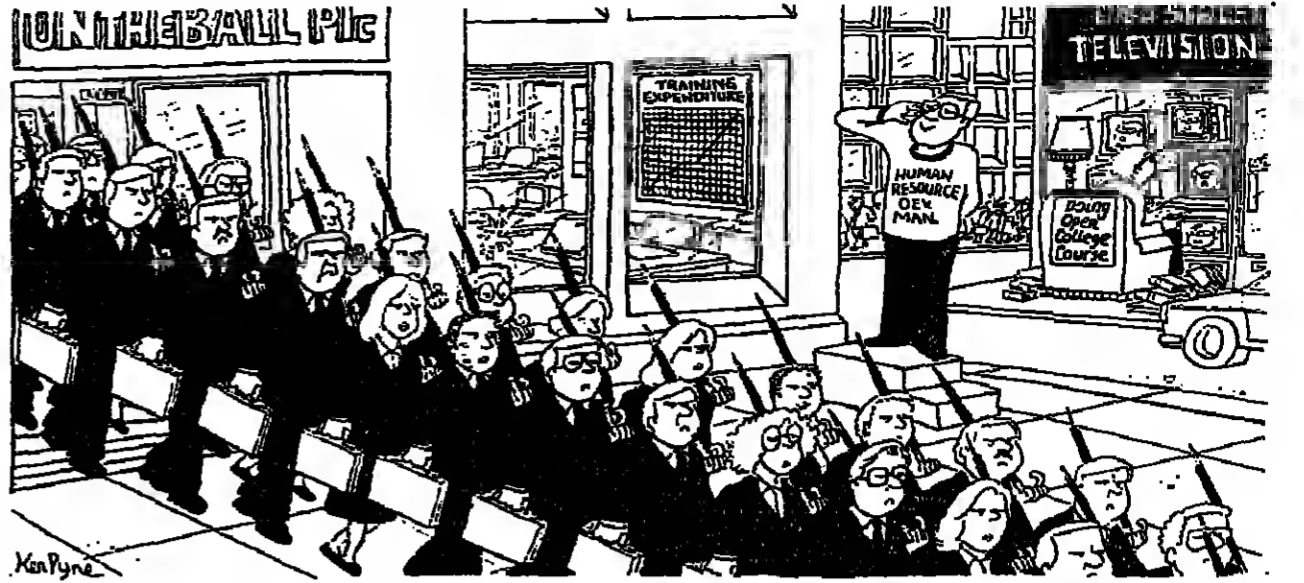
The new sophistication is evident in its products and its services. On the one hand computer-based training organizations such as Mentor are creating packages which are technically sharp and highly cost-effective. On the other side, there is the emergence of

the customized consultancy services from organizations like Peat Marwick McLintock and Coopers & Lybrand which are proving their value by the business benefits they produce.

Clearly industry's appetite for training is much greater than at the start of the decade.

There are a variety of explanations for this but skill shortages, slimmed-down organizations and constant exhortations of the Manpower Services Commission have all played their part. Whatever the exact cause, however, the overall result is that the "human factor" is now being taken account of more than ever before.

As Robert Waterman, co-author of In Search of Excellence, has put it in his latest book, The Renewal Factor, "companies treat everyone as a source of creative input... When people are treated as the main engine rather than interchangeable parts of the corporate machine, motivation, creativity, quality, and com-



mitment to implementation are all well up."

What this new mood also reveals is that the movement towards "making the most of your human resources" goes beyond simple job-training.

Though the term "human resource development" is not universally liked (it sounds rather like American jargon), it underlines the point that what we are discussing here is more than narrow skills for simple slots. Issues such as motivation, team-building, job satisfaction and career and personal development are all on the agenda, and the successful handling of all of these together is what is needed to make an organiza-

tion buzz with enterprise. In this context, it is both a strength and a weakness that the Manpower Services Commission will be re-launching

Title change for the MSC

The aim of the new title is to get away from the old image of MSC as being an organization which spends most of its time grappling with the million-headed hydra called Unemployment. Unfortunately, the new title may be misleading in suggesting too constricted a scope for its new role. In fact, as Roger Dawe, the

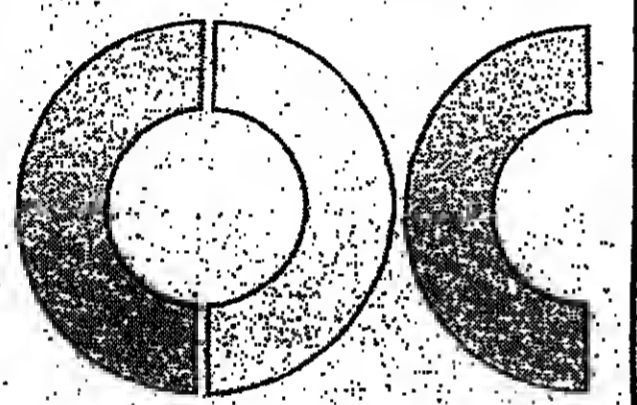
new director-general of the commission, explained, his aim is to shift the organization's focus on to what is going on in industry, to concentrate on higher level skills, and to help business achieve better performance through its people. In other words, "training" as such is only one part of the story.

The development of enterprise, the reform of vocational qualifications, the encouragement of new forms of learning are all part of its remit.

In doing this, however, it has to keep things simple. Too many initiatives in this field end bogged down in academic debate and philosophical semantics. To ensure that its

policies remain relevant, the Training Commission and its various agents will need to renew themselves continually in the font of business reality. That, without doubt, can be the only touchstone of success.

As Sir Austin Pearce, former chairman of British Aerospace, said at last month's launch of the 1988 National Training Awards: "Employers who don't have at least a fighting chance of getting an award should be seriously concerned about losing their competitive edge. Without properly planned training, they are in grave danger of being put out of business." And that, I think, truly is the bottom line.



Shaky start: Sheila James, chief executive of the Open College Listen and learn is the message

When the Institute of Manpower Studies published its report last December on the effectiveness of the non-statutory training organizations (NSTOs), journalists were confronted with the classic problem of how to describe a situation which was half-good and half-bad.

Of 102 of the training organizations, it was found that only 56 were "effective". The remainder were at various levels of ineffectiveness.

Two organizations, in fact, could not be traced at all and were assumed to be defunct, although that did not make them any less useful than a score or so of slot-like outfits whose existence consisted of little more than breathing and consuming as few resources as possible.

So what kind of conclusions can be drawn from that? Well, Jim Wilschke of the Manpower Services Commission will be weighing up this delicate matter on Thursday at the Barbican exhibition. Perhaps the 40-odd ineffective NSTOs will be able to learn something.

To be fair, the difficulty facing many of the NSTOs is that, like the Open College and the National Council for Vocational Qualifications, they are children of the mid-1980s, spawned out of government initiatives to provide "solutions" that their putative customers only half want.

In the case of the Open College, for example, there might have been plenty of evidence that people desired open learning but no clear evidence (unlike for the Open University) that an open college as such was required.

Indeed, as things turned out, the college got off to a very shaky start last autumn and is having to fight back hard and fast to restore its credibility.

So when Sheila James, chief executive of the Open College, makes her pitch at the Barbican on Wednesday she will be seeking to persuade employers that the college has something concrete for them as well as for the lunchtime televisioners at home.

The National Council for Vocational Qualifications is in a similar position. Its planned reform and simplification of our vocational qualifications system has been widely welcomed, but there is a danger

that the process will get bogged down in its own bureaucracy.

This means that when Professor Peter Thompson of National Vocational Qualifications makes his presentation tomorrow he will have a chance to get away from some of the theological debate that goes on about qualifications and outline how, in real industry, those who achieve National Vocational Qualifications will be better and more productive employees than those who do not.

Concrete benefits are, of course, the way by which most training specialists or consultants aim to sell themselves.

But how can you be sure you are going to get what you want? And could someone else do the job even better?

To help answer these questions, the Training Bureau has recently been established to provide advice on which consultancy is best equipped to meet an employers' needs.

As Carol Slessor of the bureau explained: "I spoke to dozens of training organizations and companies that buy training courses and they all said the same thing: what was needed was a marriage bureau that would make the right introductions for them."

Carol Slessor will be on hand throughout the exhibition to offer exactly that service. Will the Open College be something she recommends?

Of course, in a year or two Sheila James and colleagues will need to earn their own livings out of fees rather than government grants.

It may seem a daunting process now but one organization which has proved for decades that it is possible to thrive in the private sector by offering high-quality open learning training services is the Lingaphone Institute. Lingaphone need no qualifications as such to prove the value of its products.

The question at the end of the course is the pragmatic one of whether or not the man or woman can communicate effectively in the language that has been learned.

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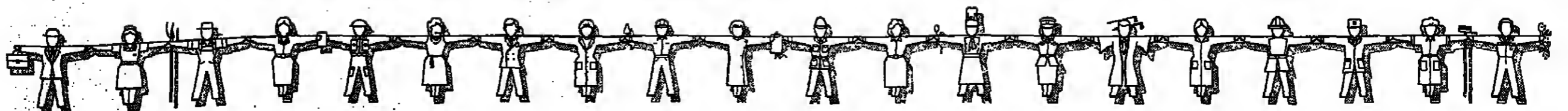
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ated from the top and the organizations that use training properly, have it built in as part of the corporate culture. Mr Simm says: "To achieve anything useful we drive for training to be top-down. I'm glad to see more and more firms seeing it that way. "We've been through the periods of investing in hardware and software. We're now at the point where investment in 'liveware' is the priority. As a demonstration of what happens when firms do manage this properly, Stanton points to Biggles. The desperate poaching of performers and the inflated salaries paid to capture traders was simply a reflection of the fact that City institutions had neglected to invest in training. But times are changing and the banks and other big names are now heavy consumers of the big HRD services. Particular is doing a lot of banking work. It is no more

'Training is by non-trainers'

staff. To have any effect these characters you have to be offering a service of a measurable value. To that end, Part of Arthur Young are now recruiting as consultants people with impeccable business backgrounds who have boardroom credibility a way that most previous trainers cannot. Mr Liddane said: "I know that our training is mostly by non-trainers. We employ people who had worked in high level management. It is fairly easy to equip them with the content and leading examples which trainers need. Maybe the most important advantage the big management consultants have is their more narrowly defined skills. However, it is not always simple to offer a range of skills. This programme is all that to make the most of people it is not enough to train them. By providing suitable services on management policy, case setting and development, well as organizational job and the world of resources strategy, the most important thing is that their clients will have more opportunities and less management.

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RUGBY UNION: COUNTY SHOW-PIECE PLAYED IN TWICKENHAM VACUUM AS CROWDS PREFER TO STAY AT HOME FOR THE GRAND NATIONAL

Lancashire defence stands firm after pack takes control

By Bryan Stiles

Lancashire..... 23
Warwickshire..... 18

The meagre few - fewer than 2,000 - who lent their support to the lively lads from Lancashire and Warwickshire contesting the Toshiba county championship final at Twickenham on Saturday must have thought it was an afternoon well spent. They enjoyed a game of open rugby, cheered in six fine tries and saw Lancashire deservedly win the title for the twelfth time.

It was a pity one of the highlights of the rugby calendar should have clashed with the televising of the Grand National, that sporting institution that kept many indoors and deprived the final of the kind of crowd it needed, and certainly merited.

The shrill cries of those who did turn up were lost in the swirling winds and dusty gusts of Twickenham's lofty bare stands. Even the prospect of picnicking in Twickenham's green and pleasant park did not entice the crowds. Mind you, the sleet and snow that fell in the morning might have been a little off-putting for some.

If the final coincides with

the Grand National in future years, the organizers might consider delaying the kick-off and providing closed-circuit coverage of the Aintree spectacular for supporters - on Toshiba screens, of course. The county final might not have the standing it once had, but the hard-sell might raise the public perception of the event.

The quality of rugby was high and it provided an entertaining spectacle. Even if the game did become somewhat one-sided at times, it provided a thrilling finale as Warwickshire fought back into contention only to succumb by two goals, two tries and two penalties.

Just as Warwickshire had feared, when the sun did appear it was often blotted out by the opposition forwards at lineouts. Dooley towers 6ft 5in, Gallagher 6ft 5in end, according to the programme. Kimmins is 6ft 10in, although he pretends to be several inches shorter.

Warwickshire were not fooler. They saw how much lineout possession he and his fellow jumpers were claiming and resorted to pinching it off them after they landed. It worked some of the time, but

they could not prevent Lancashire setting up a stream of attacks. Lancashire held a 10-6 interval lead through tries by Hanavan and O'Brien against two penalties by Thomas. Ainscough put them further ahead with a penalty, but Thomas converted a try by Stuart Hall to make it 13-12.

The northerners looked to have sewn up the game with tries by Ainscough and Aitchison, but in a stunning finish Johnson galloped in for a try which Thomas converted. The Lancashire defence then prevailed.

SCORES: Lancashire: Tries: Hanavan, O'Brien, Ainscough, Aitchison, Conversion: Johnson (2). Penalties: Ainscough, Johnson. Warwickshire: Tries: Stuart Hall, Johnson, Conversion: Thomas (2). Penalties: Thomas.

IN A certain-raiser to the first of the Royal Grammar School, Guilford, at Wellington College 12-0 in the inaugural Daily Mail under-15 schools cup final.



Leading the way: Kimmins gains ground for Lancashire (Photograph: Tommy Hindley)

A defeat Hesford can use to lick Bristol into shape

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

Bristol..... 12
Leicester..... 15

Time was when Leicester would arrive at the Memorial Ground in April sun beating down, pitch hard and dusty, and Bristol would run all over them. Many things have changed since then, even on Saturday, the weather. There was a lush carpet of grass and Leicester had driven through sleet and snow to play on it.

In an absorbing, tight contest, dominated by the forwards, Leicester won by two penalty goals and three dropped goals to a dropped goal. The chief coach, Bob Hesford, can use this defeat as a stick with which to beat his side into the right frame of mind for the John Player Special Cup final on April 30.

He will not have been amused over the winning score. Harding was penalized for a crooked kick near Leicester's 22. Bristol made an adverse comment and were sent back an extra 10 metres, and Haru put the penalty clearance into touch 10 metres from Bristol's line. For a player of his class, Haru dropped his third goal, none of which was from more than 22 metres: 10 times he had dropped two goals in a match for Leicester, but never three.

Leicester have lost only six

games and there are just three weeks of the season to go. They were losing this one at half-time (by 6-3). Haru's initial penalty had been cancelled by Webb, who missed only one place-kick, and overtaken by Hogg, who dropped a good goal.

Bristol dominated the second quarter. Tomphey heading some good drives and Blackmore coming into his own at the lineout. Even when Cusworth had scooped over his first dropped goal Webb initiated an attack from deep that had Leicester's defence in the greatest difficulty. Webb and Haru exchanged further penalties but it was Haru who ran back Webb's attempted clearance, linked with Richards, Bates and Wells and Cusworth squeezed out another dropped goal.

That made it 9-12 and Webb restored equality with 12 metres left. Then Thacker, Leicester's deputy hooker, came in for rough treatment at a maul and from a 12-11 suspect entered Leicester's souls. Cusworth's final kick was no more than they deserved.

SCORES: Bristol: Penalties: Webb (3). Dropped goal: Hogg. Leicester: Penalties: Haru (2). Dropped goals: Cusworth (3). Bristol: J. Carr, R. Knobs, P. Hull, H. Duggan, S. Hogg, R. Harding, C. Blackmore, J. Goodwin, A. Durr, N. Pomphrey, A. Blackmore, W. Hogg, P. Collins.

The unacceptable face of victory

By Peter Dixon

Bath..... 21
Harlequins..... 9

I suppose it was inevitable that with the two hookers, Dave and Oliver, for a player of his class, England's tour to Australia, the game between Bath and Harlequins at the Recreation Ground on Saturday was going to be fought among the forwards.

Bath's aim was to make their boy look good, although in the end there was little to choose between the two. It was equally predictable, therefore, that the game would be ruined as a spectacle. Bath were determined to prove that up front the wingers masters in their own home. They had to forget that they tended to set of backs capable of scything through most defences.

Despite this, Bath always had the upper hand in this Courage Clubs Championship match and won by three tries, two penalties

and a dropped goal to one goal and a penalty.

A half-time Bath led 7-0 with a try by Redman, driving over from a topped penalty, and a penalty by Barnes. For a try by Chilton, the cannon-ball on legs turning up on the left wing, of all places, showing devastating acceleration over half a mile and driving for the line. Why was it funny?

A further try by Egerton and a penalty and a dropped goal by Barnes rounded off the points for Bath, with Smith scoring Harlequins' only try. Thresher converting it and adding a penalty.

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Lyle's reputation is assured

From Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent, Augusta, Georgia



Sandy Lyle stands as perhaps the finest ambassador of British golf since Henry Cotton.

Lyle, the Open champion at Royal St George's in 1985, has gained the respect of the American golfing public not simply by playing outstandingly to win the Phoenix and Greensboro opens this year, but by conducting himself in the manner that Bobby Jones, the creator of Augusta, would have admired.

That is why Lyle is so popular, although even Jack Nicklaus is mystified by his unique ability to remain almost totally impassive whether making a birdie or a bogey.

Lyle did not play quite so well in the third round on Saturday as he had in compiling opening scores of 71 and 67. A 72 was a fair reflection of his game and a six-under-par aggregate of 210 kept him two shots ahead of Ben Crenshaw (67) and Mark Calcavecchia (72).

So for Lyle the roles have reversed from two years ago. Then he had been in the pack, drawn in the last round with Jack Nicklaus and he had what he called "a good ring-side seat" as the Golden Bear launched a miraculous charge.

Yesterday Lyle's fear was that a similar challenge would erupt and deny him a green jacket. He had every right to cast a wary eye over his shoulder.

Lyle had, by going out in 34, put four shots between himself and Calcavecchia, then his nearest challenger. However,

he made a six at the 13th and he took three putts at the 16th which opened the door.

Lyle's putting has been a revelation in the last couple of weeks so he could hardly complain. There was a time when you cringed watching him stand over a four-foot putt.

In fact, Lyle had only 81 putts in his first three rounds, compared with the 92 of Crenshaw. That is the department which ultimately decides the destination of the Masters.

The man who can putt best on the greens - which this week Charles Coody, another former champion, likened to "putting on your grandmother's old kitchen linoleum floor" - is consistently the champion.

Card of course table with columns for Hole, Yds, Par, Hole, Yds, Par

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Crenshaw launched his own charge to victory in 1984 with a 60-foot putt for a birdie on the 10th on the last day.

A victory would earn him \$183,000 (about £97,340), so consolidating his place at the top of the US money list this season with \$591,000 (£314,360).

The American nation is certainly getting to know Sandy Lyle even if the US Tour book does reveal that he was born in Shrewsbury, Scotland.

Lyle knew that the support for Crenshaw would be overwhelming and that Tony

Jacklin's trick of wearing cotton wool in his ears as he won the US Open in 1970 might not be a bad idea.

Yet that is not Lyle's way. He was prepared to look at the leader board for all 18 holes, no matter that Bernhard Langer and Fuzzy Zoeller, two other former champions, set out only four shots adrift.

The pressure was weighted heavily on Lyle's shoulders. Ballesteros said: "Sandy has proved himself a very good player. Yet I was 10 ahead in 1980 but I only got home by four. Anything can happen out there, especially in Amen Corner."

Langer, too, was convinced that the tournament was far from over. He said: "We all know how difficult playing in the last group can be and Sandy is there."

Even Nicklaus refused to dismiss himself although he led off eight shots behind. "I don't ever count myself out," he said. "If you can shoot a last round of 65 then who knows what it might do?"

For Lyle, it was all food for thought as he stood on the first tee with Crenshaw. History was in the making since he was poised to become the first British winner of the Masters.

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He would head for Hilton Head next week with the prospect of winning three tournaments in succession. Gary Player was the last to achieve that on the US Tour when, in 1978, he won the Masters and went on to succeed at Hilton Head and Houston.

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Impassive performer: Lyle keeps a close watch on the ball during Saturday's third round

THIRD ROUND SCORES FROM AUGUSTA table with columns for Player, Score, Par

Both richest and poorest at Wembley

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

The 107th FA Cup final on May 14 will be between Liverpool, the most successful club in England, and Wimbledon, one of the youngest members of the Football League.

Liverpool, who conceded their first goal in the competition beat Nottingham Forest 2-1 at Hillsborough in front of 51,627 spectators.

Liverpool, who are threatening to become the first club to win the Cup and the championship in the same season, will be appearing in their eighth Final.

Liverpool, who have collected a total of 34 English and Continental trophies, became the champions of Europe for the first time in 1977.

Luxury is a space in the car park

By Clive White

The gulf in style and stature between Liverpool and Wimbledon, the FA Cup finalists, has been made complete by the news that while Liverpool will travel to Wembley on May 14 by their usual luxury coach, Wimbledon will get their by mini-bus.

Bobby Gould, the manager, himself drove Don Howe, the coach, and some of the players by mini-bus to White Hart Lane on Saturday for their semi-final against Luton Town and Gould fully intends to do the same for the Final.

"The gatemanager told us that we couldn't come in," Gould said. "I told him, 'This is the team coach', and he said, 'You must be joking'. I told him,

Teenager's historic goal feat

Alan Shearer, the first player in 21 years to score three goals on his full League debut - and possibly the first ever to do so on his debut in the first division - left The Dell on Saturday clutching the match ball autographed by players who were once his heroes.

The last player to achieve the feat was Colin Viljoen, of Ipswich Town, who did so against Portsmouth in a second division match in 1967.

until a few months later than same year.

Liverpool bought Barnes and Beardley for almost £3 million before the season started. Wimbledon would have been forced to sell at least one player, probably Fashanu, if they had not reached Wembley.

Liverpool have been renowned for years for the simplicity, purity and delicacy of their play. Wimbledon, physically as rugged as a man of command, climbed through the four divisions in nine years with a long ball game which has received heavy public criticism.

"They get a lot of stick," Alan Hansen, the Liverpool captain, said on Saturday. "but they play within the rules and keep to their system. They are difficult to beat and underdogs have won at Wembley before. I just hope we can put on a good show for our supporters."

Wimbledon should beware of John Barnes in particular. The England winger, brought down at Hillsborough inside the area for the second time in a week by a Forest defender, admitted later that he has "won a few penalties like this season."

Dramatic victory by Celtic

Celtic stayed on course to complete the double of League championship and Scottish Cup when they overcame Hearts of Midlothian 2-1 in a semi-final at Hampden Park on Saturday whose climax was as gripping as any Grand National.

Hearts led after an hour with a controversial goal when Bonnet, hotly challenged by McPherson, allowed a lob from Whizzaker into the net.

Celtic, inspired by McStay, swarmed into the attack but there were only 90 seconds remaining when McChes, a substitute, equalized. In injury time a blunder by Smith, the Hearts goalkeeper, let in Walker for the winner.

Pakistanis sharpen up under the sun

Nearly everyone made runs as the Pakistanis took useful practice for the second Test match next Thursday in their four-day match with the West Indies under-23 XI on this idyllic island.

The match is being used by the touring team to decide whether Wasim Akram's strained right thigh muscle will allow him to play in the Test. Akram came in when Ijaz was out and both he and Ijaz Faqih pulled Dhanraj for sixes as a seventh-wicket stand developed.

Crowd trouble

Munich (AP) - More than 30 people were injured and 27 arrested when football supporters, angered by their team's defeat, went on a violent rampage, police said yesterday.

First prize

Philip Cassidy, of Ireland, wearing No. 1, won the Archer RC international grand prix near Beaconsfield yesterday, from Paul McCormack and Ben Luckwell.

Top bowlers

Durham proved they are England's top indoor bowls county when, at Erewash, Long Eaton, yesterday, they added the Federation Code's Derbyshire Trophy to the Association's Liberty Trophy they won at Hartlepool three weeks ago.

José Pedroche

Gerona, Spain (AFP) - José Manuel Hernández Pedroche, a Spanish rally driver, was killed when his Renault crashed into a tree during the Playa Aro rally yesterday morning.

Kingston consider link with Rangers

Graeme Souness may not have stopped with importing English footballers to Ibrox. English basketball players, plus a couple of Americans thrown in for good measure, may be next on the agenda for Glasgow Rangers about a proposed takeover of Polycell Kingston come to fruition.

Unless Kingston find a new sponsor to replace Polycell, who are unable to exercise their option of a two-year extension, the club might, as its chairman, Dennis Roach, confirmed yesterday, move lock, stock and barrel to Scotland in time for next

Snooker's new drug revelations

John Virgo, the chairman of the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA) said yesterday that he had no intention of resigning his position, despite confirming newspaper reports that he had smoked cannabis.

The news comes as yet another blow to snooker, whose disciplinary committee is to meet on Thursday to investigate Cliff Thorburn's failure to pass a drugs test at the British Open in February.

Virgo may not see fit to resign but there is no doubt that some of his fellow board members, mindful of the game's tarnished image, will think otherwise.

Virgo, aged 42, who lives in Guildford, said yesterday: "I was never an addict or even a regular user. It must be 10 years since I have used it and I do not take drugs of any kind. I used it out of curiosity and now I'm being hammered for it."

"The drugs policy of the WPBSA has my complete support. Drugs testing was introduced in 1985 to discourage players from possessing illegal drugs or taking drugs that could be performance enhancing."

"I'm not intending to resign over this. I have not spoken to any board members but I am sure they are shocked by the revelations and I will be speaking to them when I can."

Gordon Ingham, the vice-chairman of the board of the WPBSA, said yesterday that his Association would be putting out a statement within the next couple of days, but Rex Williams, who resigned as chairman in November, making way for Virgo, said: "If he admitted taking drugs then John should resign."

Another board member, Ian Doyle, commented: "There has to be a shadow over John's future now. The game is bigger than any individual and we must appoint a chief executive to run snooker - in fact, John has been involved in the negotiations to bring this about."

Next Saturday Virgo plays the defending champion, Steve Davis, in the first round of the Embassy world championship in Sheffield.

Parrott wins

John Parrott, of Liverpool, ranked No. 13 in the world, claimed his first tournament title in five years as a professional when he defeated Martin Clark 5-1 in the final of the Kent China Cup event in Peking on Saturday night, for a £35,000 first prize.

Widnes run in a dozen tries as they lift a second title

By Keith Macklin

Although the result was a formality, Widnes won the Stones Bitter Rugby League championship in rousing style against the relegated Hullslet yesterday. Playing brilliantly, Widnes scored 12 tries and landed nine goals as they romped to a 66-14 win against gallant opponents.

Martin Offiah scored two of the 12 tries to take his total for the season to 43; the other tries were distributed between McKenzie, Currier, David and Paul Hulme. Thackray and the international stand-off half, Tony Myler, who returned after injury in an attempt to give a late nudge to the Great Britain coach, Malcolm Reilly.

A crowd of more than 4,500 attended Eland Road, three-quarters of them from Widnes, and at the end of the game the champions did a lap of honour after the Stones Bitter Trophy had been handed to the captain, Kurt Sorenson. It was the second championship for Widnes, the last being 10 years ago, and the club hopes to strike a special medal for

the Australian international, Shearer, who played a great part in the Widnes success before having to return home.

Elsewhere there were upsets and dramatic victories as teams fought for top four and top eight places in the premiership. Bradford Northern, in second place, pounded the Wigan line for long periods and at one stage led 10-8 with a try by Harkin and three goals from Hobbs against tries by Marshall and Lydon, both made by Hanley.

Wigan rallied and in the 66th minute Bell, who had received a spell in the sin bin, scored a try and Lydon kicked the goal to give Wigan a 14-10 triumph that enhanced their top-four hopes.

St Helens received yet another blow in their home game with Leeds, who raised their own chances of a high placing by winning 28-23 in a see-saw match. Leeds led 20-6 at half-time, then trailed 23-20 early in the second half, only to win the match with tries by Pratt and Basnett.

Oldham clinched the second division championship by winning 23-22 in a cliff-hanger at Wakefield, where Trinity scored a last-minute try through Halliwell, but Harcombe could not land the difficult kick that would have won the game.

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Sights on Le Mans

Jaguar pulled ahead in the world sportscar championship at Monza, Italy, yesterday, bringing their dream of winning the Le Mans 24-hour race a step nearer.

Back to union

Sieve Ford made a successful return to Rugby Union on Saturday, scoring a winning try for Rhymer in the final of the East District seven-a-side tournament in Cardiff. Ford, who has been reinstated by the Welsh Rugby Football Union, lost his amateur status after taking part in a Rugby League trial with Leeds and has not played for two and a half years.

Robinson wins

Martin Robinson, aged 32, the left-hander from Lancashire who is attempting a comeback to the full-time circuit, won his first English senior tournament for four years when he took the men's singles title at the Cumberland Club hardcourt tennis tournament, at Hampstead, yesterday.

Italian jobs

Rome (AP) - The council of the Italian track and field federation on Saturday accepted the resignations of six of its members involved in the controversial long jump competition at the 1987 world championships in Rome.

Oti's knock

Chris Oti, the Wasps winger, will miss the Dublin millennium Rugby Union international between England and Ireland on Saturday week. Oti has an injured knee and has been advised by the England doctors not to play again this season. As Oti is missing England's tour to Australia because of exams at Cambridge University, he will now not be available for international selection until November.

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